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List of Clergy in the Diocese of Alabama.

IN ATTENDANCE.

- Rt. Rev. N. H. COBBS, D. D., BISHOP,Residing in Montgomery.
- Rev. J. M. BANISTER,St. Paul's Church, Greensboro'.
- " R. A. COBBS,St. John's Church, Tuscumbia.
- " THOS. A. COOK,Grace Church, Talladega.
- " WM. J. ELLIS,St. James' Church, Eufaula.
- " D. D. FLOWER,St. Stephen's Church, Eutaw.
- " F. R. HANSON, . . .Trinity Church, Demopolis, and St. Andrew's, Macon.
- " WM. JOHNSON,Christ Church, Tuscaloosa.
- " N. P. KNAPP,Christ Church, Mobile.
- " H. C. LAY,Church of the Nativity, Huntsville.
- " F. B. LEE,St. Paul's Church, Carlowville.
- " J. A. MASSEY,Trinity Church, Mobile.
- " J. M. MITCHELL,St. Luke's Church, Cahaba.
- " E. C. MURDAUGH,Union Parish, Uniontown.
- " R. D. NEVIUS, (Deacon,)Christ Church, Wetumpka.
- " W. H. PLATT, (Deacon,)St. Paul's Church, Selma.
- " S. U. SMITH, (Deacon,)
- " WM. A. STICKNEY,St. Wilfrid's Church, Marion.
- " R. B. SUTTON,Trinity Church, Auburn.
- " J. H. TICKNOR,St. James' Church, Livingston.

NOT IN ATTENDANCE.

- Rev. GEO. F. CUSHMAN,Residing in Pawtucket, Mass.
- " M. F. MAURY,Residing in Danville, Ky.
- " J. H. MORRISON,St. John's Church, Montgomery.
- " THOS. A. MORRIS,Missionary in Jackson County.
- " J. M. ROBERTSON,Residing near Huntsville.
- " J. B. T. SMITH,Trinity Church, Florence.
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List of Lay Delegates.

Christ Church, Mobile—

EMANUEL JONES,
WM. ALDERSON,
T. H. LEWIS,
WM. H. ROSS,
HINDMAN BARNEY.

St. John's Church, Montgomery—

*THOMAS B. TAYLOR,
CHARLES T. POLLARD,
SAM. G. JONES,
A. R. BELL,
*M. J. CONLEY.

St. Paul's Church, Greensboro'—

ISAAC CROOM,
*C. L. STICKNEY,
JOHN CHARLES,
WM. AVERY,
*A. BENNERS.

St. Andrew's Church, Macon—

R. V. MONTAGUE,
A. L. JONES,
*H. A. TAYLOR,
A. McRAE,
E. F. STICKNEY.

St. Paul's Church, Selma—

*R. N. PHILPOT,
*A. G. MABRY,
*A. BARNUM,
JOHN R. PURNELL.

Trinity Church, Mobile—

*C. C. HAZARD,
G. F. BOONE,
R. COWAN,
*R. B. WITTER.

St. David's Church, Dallas County—

*JOHN ELLERBE,
*A. W. ELLERBE.

St. Luke's Church, Jacksonville—

*J. D. HOKE,
GEO. HOKE,
R. J. M. PERKINS.

Christ Church, Tuscaloosa—

*J. M. VAN HOOSE,
*JOHN PURCELL,
*J. L. COBBS,
*W. D. DRISH.

St. Stephen's Church, Eutaw—

*WM. F. PIERCE,
J. C. TERRY,
G. ELLIOT.

St. Paul's Church, Carlouville—

*W. W. LANG,
B. RAYNOLDS,
H. L. ALISON.

St. Luke's Church, Cahaba—

WM. HUNTER,
C. C. PEGUES,
N. H. R. DAWSON,
WM. E. BIRD,
*E. M. PERINE.

St. Wilfrid's Church, Marion—

*LEONARD H. SEAWELL,
*ROBERT T. JONES,
JOHN D. PHELAN,
F. E. GORDON.

St. Peter's Church, Lowndes County—

R. P. McCORD,
*JOHN P. BROUN,
WM. CHAMBLISS,
JOHN ADAMS.

St. James' Church, Livingston—

L. H. ANDERSON,
CHARLES R. GIBBS,
GEO. B. SAUNDERS,
HENRY R. THORNTON,
CHARLES DERBY.

Christ Church, Wetumpka—

WM. P. PARDEE,
WM. Y. LUNDIE,
WM. B. COOPER,
CHARLES PARDEE.

* Those marked thus were in attendance.

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ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, SELMA, }
Thursday, May 12, 1853. }

THIS being the time and place appointed for the meeting of the Twenty-Second Annual Convention of the Diocese of Alabama, Divine Service commenced at 10½ o'clock, A. M. Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. D. D. FLOWER, the Lessons by the Rev. J. M. MITCHELL, and the Communion Service by the Right Rev. Bishop of the Diocese. The Convention Sermon was preached by the Rev. THOMAS A. COOK, from 1st Epistle to Timothy, 4th chapter, 16th verse: "*Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee.*"

The Holy Communion was administered by the Bishop to the Clergy and Laity, assisted in the distribution of the elements, by the Rev. D. D. FLOWER.

After the Benediction, the Convention was called to order by the Rt. Rev. N. H. COBBS, D. D. The Bishop then presented the list of Clergy *canonically* connected with the Diocese:

Rt. Rev. N. H. COBBS, D. D., residing in Montgomery.

Rev. J. M. BANISTER, St. Paul's Church, Greensboro'.

" R. A. COBBS, St. John's Church, Tuscumbia.

" THOS. A. COOK, Grace Church, Talladega.

" GEO. F. CUSHMAN, Officiating at Pawtucket, Mass.

" WM. J. ELLIS, St. James' Church, Eufaula.

" D. D. FLOWER, St. Stephen's Church, Eutaw.

" F. R. HANSON, Trinity Church, Demopolis, and St. Andrew's Church, Macon.

" WM. JOHNSON, Christ Church, Tuscaloosa.

" N. P. KNAPP, Christ Church, Mobile.

" H. C. LAY, Church of the Nativity, Huntsville.

" F. B. LEE, St. Paul's Church, Carlowville.

" J. A. MASSEY, Trinity Church, Mobile.

" M. F. MAURY, Residing in Danville, Ky.

" J. M. MITCHELL, St. Luke's Church, Cahaba.

" J. H. MORRISON, St. John's Church, Montgomery.

Rev. THOS. A. MORRIS, Missionary in Jackson County.

“ **E. C. MURDAUGH**, Union Parish, Uniontown.

“ **R. D. NEVIUS**, Deacon, Missionary at Wetumpka.

“ **W. H. PLATT**, Deacon, St. Paul's Church, Selma.

“ **J. M. ROBERTSON**, Residing near Huntsville.

“ **J. B. T. SMITH**, Trinity Church, Florence.

“ **S. U. SMITH**, Deacon.

“ **WM. A. STICKNEY**, St. Wilfrid's Church, Marion.

“ **R. B. SUTTON**, Trinity Church, Auburn.

“ **J. H. TICKNOR**, St. James' Church, Livingston.—26.

Their names being called, the following Clergymen were found to be in attendance :

Rt. Rev. N. H. COBBS, D. D.

Rev. R. A. COBBS,

“ **THOMAS A. COOK,**

“ **D. D. FLOWER,**

“ **F. R. HANSON,**

“ **N. P. KNAPP,**

“ **F. B. LEE,**

Rev. J. A. MASSEY,

“ **J. M. MITCHELL,**

“ **R. D. NEVIUS,**

“ **W. H. PLATT,**

“ **S. U. SMITH,**

“ **WM. A. STICKNEY,**

“ **R. B. SUTTON.**

The List of Parishes was then called, and Certificates of Election were presented from :

Christ Church, Mobile—Emanuel Jones, Wm. Alderson, T. H. Lewis, Wm. H. Ross and Hindman Barney.

St. John's Church, Montgomery—Thos. B. Taylor, C. T. Pollard, S. G. Jones, A. R. Bell and M. J. Conley.

St. Paul's Church, Greensboro'—Isaac Croom, C. L. Stickney, John Charles, Wm. Avery and A. Benners.

St. Andrew's Church, Macon—R. V. Montague, A. L. Jones, H. A. Tayloe, E. F. Stickney and A. McRae.

St. Paul's Church, Selma—R. N. Philpot, A. G. Mabry, A. Bar-num and John R. Purnell.

St. Paul's Church, Carlouville—W. W. Lang, B. Raynolds and H. L. Alison.

St. Luke's Church, Cahaba—Wm. Hunter, C. C. Pegues, N. H. R. Dawson, Wm. E. Bird and E. M. Perine.

St. David's Church, Dallas County—John Ellerbe and A. W. Ellerbe.

St. Stephen's Church, Eutaw—Wm. F. Pierce, J. C. Terry and G. Elliot.

Trinity Church, Mobile—C. C. Hazard, G. F. Boone, J. F. Jewett, R. Cowan and R. B. Witter.

Which were referred to a Committee upon Certificates of Election, consisting of **Rev. Messrs. LEE, HANSON and COBBS.**

The Committee upon Certificates having examined the same, reported them in due form, and the above named gentlemen entitled to seats.

Their names were called, and the following gentlemen were found to be in attendance :

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| Messrs. T. B. TAYLOR, | Messrs. A. G. MABRY, |
| " M. J. CONLEY, | " A. BARNUM, |
| " C. L. STICKNEY, | " W. W. LANG, |
| " A. BENNERS, | " A. W. ELLERBE, |
| " H. A. TAYLOR, | " C. C. HAZARD, |
| " R. N. PHILPOT, | " R. B. WITTER. |

A Constitutional quorum being present, the President declared the Convention duly organized.

On motion, HENRY A. TAYLOR was nominated and re-elected Secretary.

On motion, the Convention then adjourned to 3½ o'clock, P. M.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, SELMA—3½ o'clock, P. M.

The President called the Convention to order.

The Rev. Messrs. JOHNSON, LAY and MURDAUGH appeared and took their seats.

Certificates of Election were presented by Delegates from Christ Church, Tuscaloosa; St. Peter's Church, Lowndes County, and St. Luke's Church, Jacksonville.

The Committee upon Certificates of Election having examined the same, reported them in due form, and the following gentlemen entitled to seats in the Convention :

Christ Church, Tuscaloosa—J. M. Van Hoose, John Purcell, J. L. Cobbs and Wm. D. Drish.

St. Peter's Church, Lowndes County—R. P. McCord, Jno. P. Broun, Wm. Chambliss, John Adams.

St. Luke's Church, Jacksonville—J. D. Hoke, Geo. Hoke and R. J. M. Perkins.

Their names were called, and the following gentlemen found to be in attendance :

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| Messrs. J. M. VAN HOOSE, | Messrs. JOHN PURCELL, |
| " WM. D. DRISH, | " JNO. P. BROUN, |
| " J. L. COBBS, | " J. D. HOKE. |

The President then proceeded to appoint the following Standing Committees :

Committee on the State of the Church—Rev. Messrs. KNAPP, LAY, HANSON, ELLIS, TUCKER and MITCHELL.

Committee on Finance—Messrs. A. W. ELLERBE, TAYLOR, LANG, BENNERS, BROUN, HAZARD, PIERCE, TAYLOE, VAN HOOSE, PERINE, HOKE, PHILPOT and SEAWELL.

Committee on Unfinished Business—Rev. Messrs. STICKNEY, FLOWER and SUTTON.

Applications for admission into union, were presented from St. Michael's Church, Marengo county, and St. John's Church, Mobile, which, on motion, were referred to a Committee, consisting of Rev. Messrs. JOHNSON, LAY and COOK.

The Committee reported the application of St. Michael's Church, Marengo county, in due form, and the application of St. John's Church, Mobile, defective.

On motion, St. Michael's Church, Marengo county, was admitted into union.

On motion, *Resolved*, That St. John's Church, Mobile, be admitted into union with this Convention, notwithstanding the slight informalities in its application for admission into union.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Society for the Relief of Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen and disabled Clergymen, be released from the control of this Convention, and restored to its primitive organization.

On motion, *Resolved*, That St. Luke's Church, Cahaba, be released from one years' assessment.

The Rev. J. A. MASSEY presented the following Report of the Standing Committee :

The Standing Committee of the Diocese of Alabama beg leave to present the following Report of their Official Acts for the past year :

July 9th, 1852.—F. A. P. BARNARD was recommended to the Bishop as a candidate for Holy Orders. At the same time W. T. WALTHALL was recommended for Deacon's Orders, and Rev. T. A. MORRIS for Priest's Orders.

October 19th, 1852.—The canonical testimonials of the Rev. JONATHAN MAYHEW WAINWRIGHT, D. D., D. C. L. Oxon, Provisional Bishop elect of the Church in New-York, were signed by the Committee, and on the 10th day of November, 1852, the same testimonials were signed on behalf of the Rev. FRANCIS L. HAWKS, D. D., Bishop elect of Rhode Island.

On the 22d of December, 1852, Rev. ROBT. B. SUTTON was recommended to the Bishop for Priest's Orders. All which is respectfully submitted.

J. A. MASSEY, Secretary.

On motion, *Resolved*, That any Clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church present, and not canonically connected with this Diocese, be invited to seats in the Convention.

In pursuance of the above invitation, the Rev. Mr. GALAGHER, of the Diocese of North Carolina, appeared and took his seat in the Convention.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the paper prepared by request of the Bishop and by him laid before the Convention, containing the

Statutes of the State of Alabama, relative to Churches, be referred to a select committee to consist of three Laymen.

Whereupon, the President appointed Messrs. PIERCE, A. W. ELLERBE and VAN HOOSE to constitute said committee.

Parochial Reports were then called for by the President. The following were presented and read :

• CHRIST CHURCH, MOBILE.—Rev. N. P. KNAPP, Rector.

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| Baptisms—White, adults 2, infants 60,..... | Total, 62 |
| Colored, infants,..... | 2 |
| Confirmations—White 8, colored 1,..... | Total, 9 |
| Marriages—White,..... | 15 |
| Deaths—White,..... | 15 |
| Communicants—White, added 12, died 1, removed 3,.... | present number, 217 |
| Colored, added 1, died 1, removed 1,.... | present number, 8 |
| Sunday School—Teachers 15, Scholars, white 100,..... | Total, 115 |
| Library—Number of Books,..... | 250 |
| Communion—Number of times administered,..... | 14 |
| Offerings at Communion,..... | \$352 20 |
| Collections—For Domestic and Foreign Missions,..... | 367 33 |
| Bishop's Fund,..... | \$22 50 |
| Divine Service—Number of times celebrated,..... | 185 |

It is but just to state that the amount raised for Missions, and reported as such, does not exhibit the actual liberality of the Parish. A large sum of money has been pledged by some members of it for the building of a Free Church, and the support of a Minister thereof, for the accommodation of a class of people who have not had Church privileges within their reach, and to meet the growth of the city in a south-westerly direction.

A Parish has been organized under the name of St. John's Church, and a frame building of the Gothic order, and cruciform, is now half completed—the means being furnished chiefly by those members of Christ Church, who have usually contributed most liberally to general Missions. This new outlet for the zeal of our Parish has left a comparatively small amount for our report of Collections for Domestic and Foreign Missions.

But the flow has been in the channel of a Mission more domestic than any other, and with a prospect of large and more lasting results.

St. John's Church already has a Sunday School of ten teachers and seventy-eight scholars, with a good Library.

Our own Parish is in a flourishing condition. The Church is full to overflowing. We wish we could say the same of the hearts of all our people in regard to piety and Christian zeal.

CHRIST CHURCH, TUSCALOOSA.—Rev. WM. JOHNSON, Rector.

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| Baptisms—White, adults 7, infants 14,..... | Total, 21 |
| Colored, adults 6, infants 12,..... | " 18 |
| Confirmations—White 14, colored 4,..... | " 18 |
| Marriages—White 1, colored 1,..... | Total, 2 |
| Deaths—White 2, colored 1,..... | " 3 |
| Communicants—White, added 21, died 2, removed 1,.... | present number, 67 |
| Colored, added 3, removed 1,..... | present number, 8 |
| Sunday Schools—Teachers 17, Scholars, white 40, colored 60,..... | Total, 100 |
| Sunday School Library—Number of Books,..... | 150 |
| Communion—Number of times administered,..... | 16 |
| Collections,..... | \$751 59 |
| Divine Service—Number of times celebrated,..... | 317 |

This report expresses, better than any remarks can, the actual state of the Parish. It is proper, however, to observe that a comparison of this, with the report made to the last Convention, will not give a correct representation of the increase in the number of Communicants. This must be estimated from the difference between the number added, and the diminution by death and removal.

The offices performed for the colored part of the Parish, as reported above, were done at St. Philip's Chapel. This is a portion of the Rector's charge, which is of growing interest. All they need now is a Minister, who can perform the services for them with regularity. There is a flourishing Sunday School connected with it.

I am at a loss how to report the collections. I therefore simply state the entire amount that has been collected in the Church; remarking that, as the Rector's salary is raised altogether in this way, far the largest part of what has been thus collected, was for that object. Some special collections have, however, been made, viz: For Domestic Missions, twenty-one dollars; for Bishop's Fund, as Christmas Offerings, seventeen dollars and fifty cents, making thirty-eight dollars and fifty cents, which is part of the above \$751 59.

In addition to these collections, that part of the Diocesan Female School, which is in the family of the Principal, contributed from the proceeds of their industry, twenty dollars to the African Mission, and twenty-five to the Rev. Mr. BRECK, for his Missionary enterprise among the Indians.

I have not included the amounts raised to meet assessments made by the Convention, or to make repairs and improvements about the Church.

TRINITY CHURCH, DEMOPOLIS.—Rev. F. R. HANSON, Rector.

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| Baptisms—White, adults 2, infants 4,..... | Total, 6 |
| Confirmations..... | 2 |
| Marriages—White,..... | 1 |
| Deaths—White, Infant,..... | 1 |
| Communicants—Added 5, removed 1,..... | present number, 16 |
| Sunday School—Teachers 3, Scholars 20,..... | Total, 23 |
| Collections—For Diocesan Missions, at the visitation of the Bishop.... | \$13 90 |

It is with feelings of grateful satisfaction that the Rector reports the completion and consecration to the service of Almighty God, by the Right Reverend the Bishop of the Diocese, of a chaste and beautiful building, erected by the liberality of members of the Parish. The congregation is indebted to the liberality of two gentlemen of the Parish for a sweet-toned organ. A good bell has also been obtained. The Church may now be considered as permanently established in this place. The Congregation is steadily increasing, prejudices seem to be subsiding and the community, generally, appear to regard us with kindness and favor. The consecration services were attended by a large congregation, who seemed deeply interested by them, and they appear to have left a favorable influence on the public mind. Thus has, at last, been accomplished an object, which for years has been anxiously and perseveringly pursued by a few pious and zealous ladies. It has now been more than ten years since they first commenced their exertions to obtain a suitable place in which to worship their God and Saviour, with their children and families, with those devout forms and impressive solemnities most grateful to their hearts. They have been often discouraged, and sometimes in despair, but by patient perseverance they have at last accomplished their object, and have now the sacred pleasure of worshipping God in a temple which, if not magnificent and extensive, is at least appropriate and well adapted to its holy design, and much admired for its simple elegance, harmonious order and beautiful propriety.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, MACON.—Rev. F. R. HANSON, Rector.

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| Baptisms—Infants, | 3 |
| Confirmations—White, | 1 |
| Marriages—White, | 1 |
| Deaths—White, | 1 |
| Communicants, | 11 |
| Offerings at Communion, | \$15 40 |
| Collected at the Visitation of the Bishop, for Diocesan Missions, | \$11 50 |

The condition of this Parish has not materially changed since last reported. The Rector hopes, however, that the Church is gradually growing, and acquiring strength and influence. A handsome and substantial gothic edifice, in the early English style, is now being erected in the Parish, and it is hoped will be ready for consecration by the fall.

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, CAHABA.—Rev. JOHN M. MITCHELL, Rector.

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| Baptisms—White, adults 1, infants 10; colored, infants 1, | Total, 12 |
| Confirmations—White, | 1 |
| Marriages—White 1, colored 1, | Total, 2 |
| Deaths—White 5, colored 1, | " 6 |
| Communicants—White, added 5, died 2, removed 1, | present number, 15 |
| Communion administered monthly, | |
| Offerings at Communion, | \$32 15 |
| Collections, | \$179 00 |
| Divine Service—Number of times celebrated, | 70 |

In connection with his services in this Parish, the Rector has also officiated four Sundays in St. David's Church, Dallas county, and baptised one infant; one Sunday at Old Town, and two evenings at Orrville.

Besides the collections specified above, this Parish, within the two last years past, and since any report has been made to the Convention, has purchased, repaired, and in part furnished and nearly paid for, a very neat and comfortable Rectory, and is now about to erect a Church edifice at a cost of \$5,000, of which sum \$3,000 have been subscribed in the Parish. For the balance, with the exception of about \$300, obtained in Mobile and elsewhere in Alabama, we are indebted, through the influence of Mr. E. M. PERINE, to the generosity of gentlemen of the city of New-York. As further evidence of the present prosperity of this Parish, it is deemed proper to state that the congregation has nearly doubled within the past year; and the Rector feels called upon, gratefully to acknowledge the promptitude with which the salary promised him has been paid, and overpaid, and the readiness with which all other pecuniary requests made upon the congregation have been responded to. There are several candidates for confirmation in the Parish, awaiting a visitation from the Bishop.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, CARLOWVILLE.—Rev. F. BECKMAN LEE, Rector.

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| Baptisms—White, adults 2, infants 8, colored infants 1, | Total, 11 |
| Confirmations—White, | 7 |
| Marriages—White, | 1 |
| Burials—White 4, colored 1, | Total, 5 |
| Communicants—White, added 1, | present number, 35 |
| Sunday School—Teachers 6, Scholars, white 20, colored 10, | Total, 30 |
| Library—Number of Books, | 125 |
| Communion—Number of times administered, | 19 |
| Offerings at Communion, | \$32 65 |
| Missionary Offerings, | \$11 90 |
| Divine Service—Number of times celebrated, | 89 |

At the close of last year I resigned the charge of St. Peter's Church, Lowndes county, and engaged to render services in a neighborhood seven miles distant from my Parish. At this place I have been officiating on a morning and an afternoon of two Sundays in each month—holding the other services of those days at my home station. The prospect of establishing an independent and permanent Church at this place is very doubtful. There will, however, be some addition to the small congregation, by immigration, and my services will have afforded the privileges of the Church to others who would not or could not seek them elsewhere.

CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY, HUNTSVILLE.—Rev. H. C. LAY, Rector.

Baptisms—White, adults 2, infants 16; colored, adults 1, infants 3, . . . Total, 22
 Confirmations—White, 4
 Marriages—White, 1
 Funerals, 10
 Communicants—Last reported 49, added 6, transferred and removed 11, dropped from the list 1, suspended 1, died 2, present number, 41
 Communion administered monthly
 Collections—Communion alms, \$ 75 55
 For Missionary purposes, 100 00
 Widows and Orphans, 25 00
 Thank Offerings for special mercies, 150 00—\$350 55
 Divine Service—Number of times celebrated, 135

REPORT OF REV. T. A. MORRIS, MISSIONARY IN NORTH ALABAMA.

Baptisms—Adults 4, infants 2, Total, 6
 Confirmations—White 8, colored 1, " 9
 Communion—Number of times administered, 2
 Divine Service—Number of times celebrated, 71

UNION PARISH, UNIONTOWN.—Rev. EDMUND C. MURDAUGH, Rector.

Baptisms—White, adults 3, infants 4, Total, 7
 Confirmations—White 1, colored 2, " 3
 Marriages—White 3, colored 5, " 8
 Deaths—White 3, colored 5, " 8
 Communicants—White, added 8, removed 6, present number, 32
 Colored, died 1, removed 8, present number, 6
 Sunday School—Teachers 5, Scholars, about 25
 Communion—Number of times administered, about 12
 Collections—For Parish and other purposes, about \$1000 00
 Divine Service—Twice on each Sunday, and weekly Lectures during Lent.

The above does not include the Communicants of St. Michael's Parish.

The Congregation continues steadily to increase in good works as well as in numbers.

ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH, EUTAW.—Rev. D. D. FLOWER, Rector.

Baptisms—White, adults 1, infants 2, Total, 3
 Confirmations—White, 3
 Communicants—White, added 7, removed 2, present number, 17
 Sunday School—Teachers 4, Scholars, white 22. Total, 26
 Library—Number of Books, 100
 Communion administered monthly
 Offerings at Communion, \$28 55
 Divine Service—Twice each Sunday and once on each of the greater Festivals and Fasts.

During the past year the Parish has supplied itself with a Melodeon, at the cost of seventy-five dollars, and a Communion Service (i.e. a Chalice and Paten) for thirty-five dollars. The increase to the Communion has been by removals, except in the case of three, whose confirmation is above recorded.

TRINITY CHURCH, MOBILE.—Rev. J. A. MASSEY, Rector.

Baptisms—White, adults 6, infants 86; colored, infants, 4,.....Total, 46
 Confirmations—White,.....15
 Marriages—White 12, colored 5,.....Total, 17
 Deaths—White,.....41
 Communicants—White, added 24, died 2, removed 5, suspended 2,
present number, 156
 Communion—Number of times administered,.....15
 Offerings at Communion,.....\$120 25
 Collections,.....\$85 00
 Divine Service—Twice every Sunday, every Wednesday and Friday, all the
 Saints' days, and every day in Passion week.....

There has been but a single application made to this congregation for any object without the Parish. This omission has been considered wise, because of the heavy draft made upon them to erect a Church for the Parish. This good work we hope to complete during the next year.

GRACE CHURCH, TALLADEGA.—Rev. THOMAS A. COOK, Rector.

Baptisms—White, infants,.....2
 Deaths—White,.....2
 Communicants—White 10, removed 4,.....present number, 10
 Communion—Number of times administered,.....8
 Divine Service—Number of times celebrated,.....50

DANVILLE, Ky., April 19, 1853.

To the Rt. Rev. N. H. Cobbs, D. D.:

The undersigned would respectfully report, that although he has been unable to have the charge of a Parish in the past year, (since May last) that he has not been wholly idle. A reference to his register shows that he has preached thirty-one sermons; administered the Communion five times; baptised two infants and one adult; attended one funeral, and solemnized one marriage. All of which is respectfully submitted.

M. F. MAURY,

A Presbyter of the Diocese of Alabama.

PAWTUCKET, Mass., April 25, 1853.

In compliance with the Canon, the undersigned respectfully reports that during the past Conventional year he has continued to officiate in Trinity Church, Pawtucket, Massachusetts, and has performed the duties of his position without interruption. The particulars of his official acts will be duly reported to the Convention of Massachusetts, and will appear on the Journal of that Diocese, to which he would respectfully refer you.

GEO. F. CUSHMAN.

Rt. Rev. N. H. COBBS, D. D.

Rev. Messrs. JOHNSON and LAY appeared and took their seats.

JOHN ELLERBE, of St. David's Church, Dallas county, appeared and took his seat.

On motion, the Convention adjourned until 9 o'clock, A. M. to-morrow.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, SELMA, }
 Friday, May 13, 9 o'clock, A. M. }

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment. After prayer by the Rt. Rev. President, and call of the roll, the minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

Certificates of election were presented from St. James' Church, Livingston, and St. Wilfrid's Church, Marion. Referred to the Committee on Certificates.

The Committee upon Certificates of Election having examined the same, reported them in due form, and the following gentlemen entitled to seats in the Convention :

St. James' Church, Livingston—L. H. Anderson, Charles R. Gibbs, Geo. B. Saunders, Henry R. Thornton and Charles Derby.

St. Wilfrid's Church, Marion—Leonard H. Seawell, Robert T. Jones, John D. Phelan and F. E. Gordon.

Their names being called, L. H. SEAWELL appeared and took his seat.

The Rev. Messrs. ELLIS, TICKNOR and BANISTER appeared and took their seats.

On motion, leave was granted to reconsider the vote of yesterday, upon the resolution respecting St. John's Church, Mobile.

On motion, permission was granted for the papers respecting St. John's Church, Mobile, to be withdrawn.

The Committee on Unfinished Business made the following Report :

The Committee on Unfinished Business report that they find nothing in the last Journal requiring the attention of this Convention.

WM. STICKNEY, Chairman.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Convention proceed to the election of two additional Trustees of the General Theological Seminary.

The following resolution was presented and discussed :

Resolved, That one Clergyman and one Layman be elected Trustees of the General Theological Seminary, by ballot.

E. M. PERINE, of St. Luke's Church, Cahaba, appeared and took his seat.

On motion, the Convention took a recess for Divine Service.

After Divine Service the Bishop read his Annual Address.

BISHOP'S ADDRESS.

In conformity with the requirements of the Canon, I would respectfully present to the Convention the following account of my official acts during the last year.

May 13th, 14th and 15th, 1852.—Attended the Annual Convention of the Diocese in Tuscaloosa. On Sunday administered the Holy Communion, assist-

ed by the Rector of the Parish. In the afternoon, consecrated the Chapel of St. Philip's—a very neat, comfortable building, designed for the use of the colored congregation. A large and deeply interested congregation of colored persons were present on the occasion. In the evening of the same day, I confirmed nine persons in Christ Church, Tuscaloosa. On the following Monday, I preached in Christ Church, Tuscaloosa, and in the evening, I confirmed four persons. During the same evening, I confirmed two colored persons in the Chapel of St. Philip.

Sunday after Ascension.—This day I was confined to my room by indisposition.

Whitsunday.—I was still confined to my room by indisposition.

June 15th.—I was engaged in the examination of a candidate for Deacon's Orders.

Trinity Sunday.—Admitted Wm. H. Platt to the order of Deacons, in St. John's Church, Montgomery. Morning prayer was read by the Rev. D. D. Flower, and the candidate was presented by the Rev. J. H. Morrison. The sermon was preached by myself.

First Sunday after Trinity.—Preached in St. John's Church, Montgomery.

Second Sunday after Trinity.—Visited Auburn, preached twice, baptized an adult, confirmed two persons and administered the Communion in private to a sick member of the Church.

June 21st and 22d.—Visited Crawford, preached twice, and confirmed two persons. Here is a good opening for the Church if her services could be permanently continued.

June 23d.—Visited Salem and preached. Here something might be done for the Church, if the stated services of a minister could be obtained.

Third Sunday after Trinity.—Spent this day in St. John's Church, Montgomery, and assisted the Rector in the services.

Fourth Sunday after Trinity.—Preached twice in St. John's Church, Montgomery.

Fifth Sunday after Trinity.—Confirmed one person in St. John's Church, Montgomery.

Sixth Sunday after Trinity.—Visited Auburn, preached and confirmed two persons, and administered the Communion.

July 19th.—Preached in West Point and baptized two infants. During this visit I had an appointment in Lafayette, but failed to reach the town in consequence of the breaking down of the vehicle in which I was travelling.

July 22d.—Read prayers in St. John's Church, Montgomery and confirmed two persons.

Seventh Sunday after Trinity.—Read prayers twice, and preached twice in St. John's Church, Montgomery.

Eighth Sunday after Trinity.—Preached in St. John's Church, Montgomery, and administered the Communion, assisted by the Rector.

August 6th.—Read the Burial Service over the body of an infant.

Ninth Sunday after Trinity.—Preached in the morning and afternoon in St. John's Church, Montgomery.

Tenth Sunday after Trinity.—Preached in St. John's Church, Montgomery.

Eleventh Sunday after Trinity.—Visited Eutaw, and preached twice. It was my purpose to go in the Fork of Greene, but was prevented by the inclemency of the weather.

Twelfth Sunday after Trinity.—Spent this and several other days in Woodville, preached a number of times and confirmed three persons, of whom two were colored. Also administered the Communion, assisted by the Rector.

September 5th.—Visited St. David's Church, Dallas county, and preached. This Parish, I am happy to say, is at length supplied. The Rev. P. Gallagher, of North Carolina, is now in charge of it.

Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity.—Visited Cahaba, and preached several times.

Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity.—Went to Wetumpka, but as my notice had not been received, did not preach. I have good hope that the Parish in this place, so long vacant, will be revived. The Missionary, the Rev. Mr. Nevius, seems much encouraged.

Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity.—Visited Mt. Meigs and preached.

Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity.—Spent this day amongst my old Parishioners, Petersburg, Va. Preached twice in St. Paul's and once in Grace Church. It was truly gratifying to find that I was kindly remembered by those whom I had so many reasons to love.

October 4th.—Received a telegraphic despatch whilst in Petersburg, which made it necessary for me to return home on account of critical sickness in my family. I was thus prevented from being present at the trial of Bishop Doane, as I had intended. Of that trial I shall say nothing; inasmuch as the case has been again brought before the House of Bishops by a new presentment.

Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity.—Confined at home all of this day by indisposition.

Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity.—Preached in St. John's Church, Montgomery.

Twentieth Sunday after Trinity.—Visited Cahaba, preached in the morning, and in the evening rode to Selma and preached.

Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity.—This day it was my sad and melancholy duty to attend the funeral of my dutiful, affectionate and much loved Christian daughter, **SURAN E. MITCHELL**, who having departed this life in the comfort of a reasonable, religious and holy hope, was buried from St. John's Church, Montgomery.

Twenty-second Sunday after Trinity.—Expected to be in Huntsville, but from causes beyond my control was detained on a steamboat on the Tennessee river, much to my annoyance and mortification.

Twenty-third Sunday after Trinity.—Visited Florence, preached in the morning, and baptised an adult and five children. The Rev. J. B. T. Smith has returned to this field of labor, and has, I think, more to encourage him than formerly. In the afternoon and evening of the same day I preached in Tusculumbia, and confirmed five persons. Besides the services of Sunday, I preached several times during the week. I was much gratified to find the new

Church in Tusculumbia nearly completed, and the general aspect of the Parish encouraging.

November 16th and 17th.—Visited Decatur and preached, but was interrupted in the remainder of the appointed services by inclement weather.

November 18th and 19th.—Visited St. Mark's Chapel, in Limestone county, preached twice, and confirmed five persons. The Rev. Mr. Morris, the Missionary, seems to have been much blessed in his labors here, and in other parts of his Mission field.

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Trinity.—Visited Huntsville, and preached, and confirmed two persons.

November 22d.—Visited a neighborhood some miles distant from Huntsville, and confirmed two persons, who had been brought into the Church by the enlightened zeal of a devoted lady, who, under many discouragements, is abundant and persevering in good works.

November 24th.—Ordained to the Priesthood, in the Church of the Nativity, Huntsville, the Rev. Thomas A. Morris. The Sermon was preached by myself. The candidate was presented by the Rev. Mr. Robertson, who, with the Rev. Mr. Lay, united in the imposition of hands.

November 25th.—Preached in Huntsville on occasion of Thanksgiving, appointed by the Governor of the State.

First Sunday in Advent.—Spent this Sunday and the previous Friday and Saturday in Bellefonte, the County-town of Jackson, preached several times, and confirmed five persons, of whom one was a colored person. In this new field, the Rev. Mr. Morris officiates with an encouraging prospect of success.

November 30th.—Preached at night in Chattanooga, in the Diocese of Tennessee.

Second Sunday after Advent.—Preached twice in St. John's Church, Montgomery, administered the Communion, assisted by the Rector, and confirmed one person.

Third Sunday in Advent.—Preached in St. John's Church, Montgomery.

Fourth Sunday in Advent.—Visited Selma, preached and administered the Communion. In the afternoon, lectured on Baptism, and baptised three adults and four infants. In the evening, lectured on Confirmation and confirmed eight persons.

Christmas Day.—Preached in St. John's Church, Montgomery, and administered the Holy Communion.

Sunday after Christmas.—Assisted the Rector of St. John's Church, Montgomery, in the services of the Church.

December 29th.—Ordained the Rev. R. B. Sutton to the Priesthood in St. John's Church, Montgomery. Prayers were read by the Rev. J. M. Mitchell, and the Sermon was preached by myself. The candidate was presented by the Rev. J. H. Morrison, who, with the Rev. J. M. Mitchell, united in the imposition of hands.

Second Sunday after Christmas.—Preached in St. John's Church, Montgomery.

January 4th, 1853.—Confirmed four persons in St. John's Church, Montgomery.

First Sunday after Epiphany.—In the morning of this day, preached in Christ Church, Mobile, and in the evening preached in Trinity Church.

Second Sunday after Epiphany.—Visited Tuscaloosa, and preached twice, and confirmed two persons in Christ Church, and two colored persons in St. Philip's Chapel.

January 19th.—Baptised an infant privately, in the country.

Septuagesima Sunday.—Spent this day in Greensboro', preached twice in St. Paul's Church, and confirmed one person.

Sexuagesima Sunday.—Preached in St. John's Church, Montgomery.

Quinquagesima Sunday.—Visited Eufaula, preached five times, administered the Communion, assisted by the Rector, baptised two adults and three infants, and confirmed eight persons.

Ash Wednesday.—Preached to a colored congregation in a Chapel provided for their use on a plantation in Russel county, and baptised two colored infants. In the morning of the same day I baptised the infant of the proprietor of the plantation mentioned above.

February 10th.—Preached in St. John's Church in the Wilderness; here is an opening for the Church, notwithstanding losses by removals.

February 12th.—Preached in Columbus, Georgia.

First Sunday in Lent.—Spent this day in St. John's Church, Montgomery, and assisted the Rector in the services.

February 16th.—Ordained S. U. Smith, Deacon, in St. John's Church, Montgomery. The Sermon was preached by the Rev. J. H. Ticknor, who also presented the candidate. The prayers were read by the Rev. J. H. Morrison.

Second Sunday in Lent.—Preached in St. John's Church, Montgomery.

St. Matthias' Day.—Confirmed, in St. John's Church, Montgomery, a young man lately belonging to Marion.

Third Sunday in Lent.—Preached at Mt. Meigs.

Fourth Sunday in Lent.—Preached twice in Cahaba, and confirmed one person.

Fifth Sunday in Lent.—Preached twice in St. Michael's Church, Marion, administered the Communion, and confirmed two persons. The Rev. Mr. Stickney, in addition to his parochial duties, teaches a select school, by which he is doing good service to the Church.

Sunday before Easter.—Preached twice in St. Paul's Church, Greensboro', and confirmed four persons. It was my purpose at this time to have gone to Choctaw and Sumter counties, but was prevented by the swollen streams.

Good Friday.—Preached in St. John's Church, Montgomery.

Easter Sunday.—Preached in St. John's Church, Montgomery, and administered the Communion, assisted by the Rector.

Easter Monday and Tuesday.—Assisted in the services at St. John's Church, Montgomery.

April 2d.—Visited St. Peter's Church, Lowndes county, read prayers and preached.

First Sunday after Easter.—Visited Carlowville, preached twice, administered the Communion, assisted by the Rector, and confirmed seven persons.

Second Sunday after Easter.—Visited Mobile and performed a number of services. On Friday before this Sunday I laid the corner-stone of a new Church for Trinity Parish, and delivered an address on the occasion. The new Church, if completed according to the proposed plan, will not only be creditable to the congregation, but an ornament to the city. On Sunday morning I preached in Christ Church, baptised an adult, at the request of the Rector, and confirmed seven persons. In the afternoon of the same day I preached in Trinity Church, and confirmed thirteen persons. In the evening I again preached in Christ Church, and confirmed two persons. On Tuesday after this Sunday I confirmed, in private, two persons belonging to Trinity Parish. During this visit to Mobile I was gratified to find the prospects of the Church in that city more encouraging than I have ever known them. Besides Trinity, another new Church is erecting, to be called St. John's, and will be ready for use in a few months. The good work of establishing this third Parish has been undertaken by a few zealous and earnest-minded men, whose energy and liberality will, with the blessing of God, insure its success.

Saturday before the third Sunday after Easter.—Preached in Prairieville, confirmed one person, and administered the Communion, assisted by the Rector. Here a new and handsome Church is in the process of erection.

Third Sunday after Easter.—Visited Demopolis, and consecrated a very neat and comfortable Church by the name of Trinity. The Church is handsomely finished, and is furnished with a bell and organ. I preached on the occasion, and administered the Communion, assisted by the Rector. In the afternoon, the Rev. Mr. Ticknor preached, and I confirmed two persons. At the request of the Rector, I also baptised two adults and three infants.

April 20th.—Visited Livingston and preached at night.

April 21st.—Went to Sumterville, and preached at night.

April 22d.—Went to Gainesville, but as there had been no appointment for me, I did not preach. In the afternoon I returned to Sumterville and preached at night.

April 23d.—Returned to Livingston and preached twice.

Fourth Sunday after Easter.—Preached in St. James' Church, Livingston, and administered the Communion, assisted by the Rector. I also confirmed two persons.

April 25th.—Visited the Fork of Greene, read prayers, and was followed by a Sermon from the Rev. S. U. Smith. In this neighborhood, preparations are making for the erection of a Church.

Fifth Sunday after Easter.—Visited Talladega, preached twice, administered the Communion, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Cook, and also baptised two children. I trust that notwithstanding many removals, a good Parish will yet be established here.

May 3d, 4th and 5th.—Visited Jacksonville, preached four times, administered the Communion, and baptised five colored children. Although the little flock here has been for some time without a Minister, yet zealous efforts are still persevered in for the erection of a Church.

Sunday after Ascension.—Spent this day in St. John's Church, Montgomery, assisted the Rector in the services and confirmed four persons, and delivered

an address to the candidates. And here I will remark that on almost every occasion of confirmation I have delivered a special address to the candidates.

I have received the following notices, viz: From Bishop Rutledge, notice of suspension from the Ministry, for two years, of *Isaac Swart*, of Florida. From Bishop Green, notice of the displacement from the ministry of *W. P. C. Johnson*, a Presbyter of Mississippi, and also of *Robert Hays*, a Deacon of Mississippi. From the Ecclesiastical Authority of New-York, notice of the same in regard to *William Grant Heyer* and *Peter S. Burchan*. From Bishop Eastburn, notice of the displacement of *T. W. Pollard*, of Massachusetts. From Bishop Smith, notice of the displacement from the Ministry of *F. L. Laird*, and of *W. C. Lewis*, of Kentucky. From Bishop Wainwright, notice of the same in regard to *Norman C. Stoughton*.

Having thus again travelled through the length and breadth of the Diocese, I would remark on reviewing the whole field, that while there is much to encourage, there is no little to depress us. There are in Alabama many families justly belonging to the Church, scattered over a large surface, widely separated from each other. But there is great difficulty in bringing these families under the direct influence of the Church. They are not enough concentrated to constitute distinct Parishes, and we have no Missionaries to go through the country and to call upon individual families, and secure their allegiance to the Church. In the meantime, these families thus insulated, lose their interest in the Church, and in many cases, are merged into other denominations around them. In view of this state of things, I have had many painful and anxious feelings and exercises; and as far as in my power, have endeavored to act as a general Missionary. Even at this late day much good might be done, and many families saved to the Church, if funds could be obtained for the support of a Missionary at large, who should traverse the Diocese in all directions, and especially visit those counties in which we have no organized Parishes and no regular services. Might not a number of persons be found, willing to make special and liberal contributions to such an object?

But after all, the great hindrance to the spread of the Church in the Diocese is the want of Ministers. There are but few young men in the State that can be induced to enter the Ministry, and we have but few inducements to draw Ministers from abroad, or to retain them when already with us. Our main dependence must be on a native Ministry. But alas! how are we to obtain that native Ministry, when too commonly it is the wish and the effort of parents, not that their sons might be pious Christians and godly Ministers, but that they might be rich in this world's goods, or distinguished in their professional career, or successful in their political aspirations. Our only hope, under God is, that among the mothers of the Church, there may here and there be found those, who, having the unfeigned faith of a Lois and a Eunice, may be instrumental in training up some future Timothies for the edification and extension of the Church of Christ. When once it is the heart's desire of mothers, and their prayer to God, that their sons may be pious Ministers, we are verily persuaded, that then the Lord will give the word and great will be the company of Preachers.

The last year has been one of trial and bereavement to the Church. Among many worthy Clergymen who have fallen by death, we are pained to mention three of our Bishops, viz: Bishop CHASE, of Illinois; Bishop HENSLAW, of Rhode Island; and Bishop GADSDEN, of South Carolina. Whilst mourning over the loss of such devoted and faithful, and useful, and eminent men, we cannot but be thankful to God, that they were spared to a good old age, and that the Church was so long blessed by their counsel, by their talents, by their zeal, by their varied and useful labors, by the brightness of their example, and by the fragrance of their good name and character.

In noticing the events of the past year, it may not be amiss to allude to the secession from the Church of the late Bishop of North Carolina. I shall presume to pass no judgment on his character or his motives: "To his own master he standeth or falleth." And yet it must be acknowledged, that a deep wound has been inflicted on the Church, and one that cannot be contemplated without mortification and shame. It may have been that such severe chastening was needed by the Church, and certainly it is one that must teach us a useful lesson. There may have been too much boasting and self-glorification on our part, too much overvaluing of Sacraments and Ordinances, and not enough of the faithful preaching of Christ crucified, too much departing from the Protestant principle of the Church as established at the Reformation, too much relaxing of christian morals in the way of apology for worldly conformity, and too much of sympathy, and of tampering with Romish books, with Romish doctrines and Romish usages. But let us not despair in the day of our humiliation. Though chastened, we are not forsaken; though cast down, we are not destroyed. Let us, therefore, take in good part this chastisement, and learn to be more prayerful, more humble, more faithful, more devoted and more holy. And let us not be driven from distinctive principles by the occasional defection of those who have gone out from us, because they were not of us. Let us earnestly contend for the faith once delivered to the Saints; the pure faith of the Gospel that was embodied in the Creeds of the Primitive Church, and that was reaffirmed and ratified by the Anglican Church at the period of the Reformation. Let us humbly trust, that the Lord will remember us in mercy; and that He will overrule this affliction for good, and that He will yet cause our Zion to arise and put on her beautiful garments, and become a joy and an excellency upon the earth.

I would call attention to the claims of the Diocesan Missionary Society. As the General Missionary Society will gradually reduce their contributions to the different new Dioceses, it is all-important that the Diocesan Missionary Society be kindly and liberally sustained by the members of the Church. Indeed without some such organization it is almost hopeless to expect to establish the Church in newly formed Parishes. I trust, therefore, that it is not asking too much to request that there be an annual collection in every Parish in behalf of that Society.

I would take this occasion earnestly to press upon the Convention, and upon the Diocese at large, the claims of the Society for the relief of the Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen. The funds of the Society, though very small, yet now amount to a sum that, with proper management and with

steady additions in the way of subscriptions and donations, may soon be made available to the benevolent purposes for which the Society was instituted. I cannot but believe, that the claims of this Society need only to be mentioned in order to secure a friendly interest on the part of the members of the Church.

I would beg leave to recommend to the members of the Church, the *Church Herald*, published in the Diocese of Mississippi. So far, it has been conducted in an excellent spirit; and as it is the only Church paper published in the south-west, it is desirable that it be sustained as a channel of local information as well as of general intelligence.

The changes that have occurred in the Diocese have been as follows, viz: the Rev. O. H. Staples has been transferred to the Diocese of New York; the Rev. J. B. T. Smith has been received into this Diocese from Mississippi; the Rev. R. D. Nevius from Georgia and the Rev. Mr. Gallagher from North Carolina; and two have been ordained Deacons, the Rev. W. H. Platt and the Rev. S. U. Smith.

In conclusion let me remark, that as we live in an age of commotion, of change, and of progress, so called, it is incumbent on all who would consult the peace of the Church to guard against innovation, not only in doctrinal teaching, but in ritual and ceremonial observances. In conducting the worship of the Church, there has been established a common law of custom, sanctioned by the authority of such men as Bishops White, Seabury, Hobart, Ravenscroft, Dehon, Griswold and Moore, and from such a law, I should think it inexpedient to depart; inasmuch as in every case of departure there will not only be the disturbing of the uniformity of worship, but there will almost always follow distrust and dissatisfaction. If, therefore, the age and experience of your Bishop entitle his opinions to any consideration, he would give it as his earnest advice, that in all things appertaining to the worship and offices, the rites and ceremonies of the Church, we follow the customs and usages of the Fathers of the American Church. We shall thus provoke no invidious criticisms; we shall give no just cause of offence; we shall awaken no suspicions; and thus preserving uniformity and peace, we shall commend the Church to respect and confidence, and thus contribute to diffuse and perpetuate her influence throughout the land.

N. H. COBBS,

Bishop Protestant Episcopal Church in Alabama.

NOTE.—As an act of justice to the Diocese, I feel bound to say in a note, what I omitted to mention before the Convention, that I have much cause to be grateful for the uniform punctuality and cheerfulness with which my salary has been paid, and that too, without any prompting from me. In this matter the Diocese, though as yet feeble, has manifested a spirit of kindness and liberality that justly deserves, on my part, this distinct acknowledgement of obligation.

N. H. C.

On motion, the Address was referred to the Committee on the State of the Church.

On motion, the Convention then adjourned until 8½ o'clock, P. M.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, SELMA, }
Friday, 3½ o'clock, P. M. }

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the Bishop.

The Treasurer of the Diocese presented his annual accounts.

On motion, referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Convention proceeded to the consideration of the resolution presented in the morning respecting the election of Trustees of the General Theological Seminary.

On motion, the resolution was adopted.

Rev. J. H. TICKNOR and J. M. VAN HOOSE were appointed tellers.

After the ballots were counted, the Rev. WM. JOHNSON and A. W. ELLERBE were declared elected Trustees of the General Theological Seminary.

The following Parochial Reports were presented and read:

ST. JAMES' PARISH, SUMTER COUNTY.—Rev. J. H. TICKNOR, Rector.

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| Baptisms—White, infants,..... | 13 |
| Confirmations—White,..... | 2 |
| Marriages—White,..... | 2 |
| Burials—White 4, colored 1,..... | Total, 5 |
| Communicants—White, added 7, removed 3,..... | present number, 37 |
| Sunday Schools—Teachers 2; Scholars, white, 10, colored 13,..... | Total, 25 |
| Library—Number of Books,..... | about 100 |
| Communion—Number of times administered,..... | 15 |
| Offerings at Communion, including \$15 for Domestic Missions,..... | \$51 60 |
| Collections—By the ladies \$75; for a specific purpose \$5,..... | \$80 00 |
| Divine Service—Number of times celebrated,..... | 130 |

These services have been performed at three places within the present limits of the Parish, Sumterville, Livingston and Pushmataha. At the latter point a new Parish will soon be organized.

The most interesting event in the history of this Church during the past year, was the ordination of the Rev. S. U. SMITH, who for several years had rendered it faithful and useful service as a lay-reader.

I may add, also, that I have received and accepted an invitation to preach regularly to the negroes on a large plantation in Choctaw county. I have entered upon the discharge of this pleasant and profitable duty, and have good hopes that a still larger field of usefulness may be opened among this part of our population.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, SELMA.—Rev. WM. H. PLATT, Rector.

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| Baptisms—White, adults 2, infants 7,..... | Total, 9 |
| Confirmations—White,..... | 8 |
| Communicants—Added 6, removed 3,..... | present number, 35 |
| Marriages—White,..... | 4 |
| Burials—White,..... | 7 |
| Communion—Number of times administered,..... | 2 |
| Sunday School—Teachers 8, Scholars,..... | about 40 |
| Library—Number of Books,..... | about 100 |
| Divine Service—Number of times celebrated since 1st July,..... | about 80 |
| Contributions—Diocesan Missions,..... | \$23 75 |
| Foreign Missions,..... | 31 00—\$54 75 |

It is with grateful satisfaction that the Rector reports the steady advance of the Church in this Parish. The necessities of the Parish already require a larger edifice for the accommodation of the regular congregation; and he entertains a hope that in due season it will be erected. The small Church debt which has existed for some years, is in a course of liquidation.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH IN THE WILDERNESS, RUSSELL COUNTY.

Rev. R. B. SUTTON.

Baptisms—Colored, infant,.....,1
Communicants—White 2, colored 1,.....Total, 3

Resigned this Parish last September in order to take charge of the Episcopal High School in Montgomery.

THE CHURCH IN CRAWFORD, RUSSELL COUNTY.—Rev. R. B. SUTTON,

Baptisms—White, infant,.....,1
Confirmations—White,.....,2
Communicants—White, added 3,.....present number, 9
Sunday School—Teachers 8, Scholars, white, 42,.....Total, 50
Library—Number of Volumes,.....,200

In consequence of ill health, and removal to Montgomery, Divine Services were intermitted in this place from July, 1852 to March, 1853.

The Sunday School at Girard, in this county, is still kept up and flourishing. It is carried on by the members of Trinity Parish, Columbus, Georgia.

TRINITY CHURCH, AUBURN.—Rev. R. B. SUTTON, Rector.

Baptisms—White, adults 1, infants 8,.....Total, 9
Colored, infant,.....1
Confirmations—White,.....4
Deaths—White 3, colored 1,.....Total, 4
Communicants—White, added 5, died 2,.....present number, 11
Communion—Number of times administered,.....4
Offerings at Communion,.....\$8 20
Collections—For finishing Church and paying off the debt,.....\$265 70
Divine Service celebrated twice every Sunday, and on the chief Festivals and Fasts.

Since the last report we have succeeded in so far finishing our Church that we are now enabled to use it for Divine Service. Within the last month, by the kindness of a lady of Baltimore, glass has been put in our windows, and by the liberality of the ladies of Montgomery, a vestry room has been erected, which serves also for a Rectory.

Of the amount collected, named above, all has been collected out of the Parish except some subscriptions which were obtained in the time of my predecessor. The number of Communicants comprise six non-residents whose names are retained because they are within reach of no other Parish. In keeping up services every Sunday the Rector has had the assistance of a lay-reader, who has officiated on the alternate Sundays.

Services have also been celebrated at Wetumpka and Tallassee once a month in each place. In February, Wetumpka was resigned to Rev. R. D. NEVINS, who succeeded me in charge of the Episcopal High School, in Montgomery.

TRINITY CHURCH, FLORENCE.—Rev. J. B. T. SMITH, Rector.

Baptisms—Adults 2, infants 5,.....Total, 7
Communicants,.....9
Communion administered monthly,.....

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, MONTGOMERY.—J. HORACE MORRISON, Rector

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| Baptisms—White, adults 8, infants 38,..... | Total, 46 |
| Colored, infant,..... | 1 |
| Confirmations—White,..... | 12 |
| Marriages—White,..... | 5 |
| Deaths—White,..... | 8 |
| Communicants—White, added 19, died 3, removed 5,..... | present number, 99 |
| Colored, withdrawn 1,..... | " " 4 |
| Sunday Schools—Teachers 15, Scholars, white, 91,..... | Total, 106 |
| Library—Number of Books,..... | about 200 |
| Communion administered monthly and on the principal Festivals at Montgomery, and several times at Mt. Meigs..... | |
| Offerings at Communion,..... | \$176 00 |
| Collections—For Missions and other Church objects,..... | \$200 80 |

Divine Service—Twice on Sundays, (except the first Sunday of each month, when the afternoon service has generally given place to the catechising then regularly held,) once on each Holy day, and on all the Litany days. Two Services have also been held monthly at Mt. Meigs.

As this is the last report the Rector will probably ever make to this Convention, he begs to be indulged in a few remarks. His connection with St. John's Church, Montgomery, has now extended to a period of nearly five years. When he took charge of the Parish, much, he found, had been already done by the faithful labors of his predecessors, the Rev. WILLIAM JOHNSON and the Rev. N. P. KNAPP. These had "labored" under far more discouraging circumstances than any he has had to encounter, and he "entered upon their labors." The progress of the Church for the last five years has, by the blessing of God, been steadily onward. The number of communicants has increased from something upwards of sixty to the number reported above, and the increased attendance would, it is thought, have been in a much greater ratio had there been room. The funds are now mainly provided for a new Church edifice, and an Architect has been written to for a plan. Such has been God's work in this Parish, which is but an index of what has been accomplished in others; some of which have no doubt much surpassed the one which is here reported. In taking leave of the Convention, the Rector cannot refrain from expressing the heartfelt pleasure and satisfaction he has enjoyed in his connection with his Parish, with his Bishop, and with his brethren, both clerical and lay, of the Diocese. His removal, in the Providence of God, to another field of labor, can never make him forget the realising sense he has experienced during his connection with the Diocese of Alabama, of the Psalmist's words, "Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." May this beloved Diocese ever continue thus united and prosperous.

ST. WILFRID'S CHURCH, MARION.—Rev. W. A. STICKNEY, Rector.

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| Baptisms—White, adults 4, infants 14,..... | Total, 18 |
| Confirmations—White,..... | 3 |
| Deaths—White,..... | 1 |
| Communicants—White, added 4,..... | present number, 24 |
| Colored,..... | " " 1 |
| Parish School—Scholars,..... | 26 |
| Communion—Number of times administered,..... | 19 |
| Offerings at Communion and other times,..... | \$47 75 |
| Collections—Christmas, for Bishop's fund,..... | \$6 50 |
| Domestic Missions,..... | \$3 80 |
| Divine Service—Number of times celebrated,..... | 174 |

During three months of last summer and fall the Church was closed, from the debility and sickness of the Minister.

Morning prayers are said on all the Festivals and Fasts, as also on the Litany days. The Holy Eucharist is celebrated on all the great Festivals, and where a preface is appointed, on their Octaves. Lectures explanatory of the Church, her services, doctrines, &c., take the place of afternoon Sermons.

Arrangements have been made for having service once a month, at a point in the country, nine miles from town.

The Vestry have recently adopted and strongly urged the system of weekly collections for the Minister's support. Time has not yet tested the working of this truly scriptural and primitive practice in our Parish, but thus far it promises well.

The Parish has been recently incorporated, according to law, in order to hold property, &c., under the name of St. Wilfrid's, the same as that of the Parish school.

It might be added, in conclusion, that the school has never been in so flourishing a condition; applications exceeding the limited number of pupils.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, TUSCUMBIA.—Rev. R. A. COBBS, Rector.

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| Baptisms—White, infants, | 2 |
| Confirmations—White, | 5 |
| Marriage—White, | 1 |
| Deaths—White, | 4 |
| Communicants—Added 5, | present number, 14 |
| Sunday School—Teachers 4, scholars 80, | Total, 34 |
| Library—Number of Books, | 150 |
| Communion—Number of times administered, | 4 |
| Divine Service—Number of times celebrated, | 86 |

Within the past year we have built and nearly completed a plain wooden Church, capable of seating upwards of two hundred persons, which has been used regularly for service since the first of October. The present state of things encourages us to hope that the Church will, ere long, be firmly established in this place.

In addition to the above mentioned regular services in my own Parish, I have also preached four times in Florence, twice in Montgomery, and twice in Cahaba.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, GREENSBORO'.—Rev. J. M. BANISTER, Rector.

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| Baptisms—White, infants 5; colored, infants 11, | Total, 16 |
| Confirmations—White, | 5 |
| Marriages—White, | 1 |
| Deaths—White, | 2 |
| *Communicants—White, added 10, removed 5, | present number, 64 |
| Sunday School—Teachers 4, Scholars, white, 26, | Total, 30 |
| Library—Number of Books, | perhaps 200 |
| Communion—Number of times administered, | about 15 |
| Offerings at Communion, | \$106 85 |
| Collections, | \$150 00 |
| Divine Service—Number of times celebrated, | about 200 |

CHRIST CHURCH, WETUMPKA.—Rev. R. D. NEVIUS, Deacon.

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| Baptisms—White, adult, | 1 |
| Communicants—White, | 2 |
| Collections, | \$10 00 |

I took charge of this Parish, in connection with the Episcopal High School,

*Four of these are from St. John's Church in the Prairies.

in Montgomery, in February last, since which time I have officiated on alternate Sundays (with one exception) in the house kindly opened for the Church service by the Presbyterians.

This Parish, which has long been broken up by removals and want of support, has now been reorganized, under circumstances favorable for its successful continuance.

We have here a Church edifice, but at present in a condition unfit for the Church's ministrations.

Upon the Sundays not occupied here, I have officiated in Tuskegee, and by the request of their Rectors, in St. John's Church, Montgomery, and Trinity Church, Auburn.

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, JACKSONVILLE

Baptisms—White infants, 4; colored infants, 5,.....Total, 9
 Communicants,.....9
 Communion—Number of times administered,.....3

This Parish, since Easter Sunday, 1851, when the Rev. Mr. Flower resigned, has been vacant.

Recently we have had a visitation of the Bishop, accompanied by Rev. Mr. Cook. During last winter the Rev. Mr. Gibson, of Rome, Georgia, made us a visit, and administered Baptism and the Communion.

We are raising funds for the building of a Church. About \$1,200 have been subscribed, upwards of \$400 paid in, and a lot secured.

JNO. D. HOKE, } Wardens.
 GEO. HOKE, }

On motion, *Resolved*, That the name of St. Michael's Church, Marion, be changed to St. Wilfrid's.

Certificates of Election were presented from Christ Church, Wetumpka, and referred to the Committee on Certificates of Election.

The Committee on Certificates reported it in due form and the following gentlemen entitled to seats.

Christ Church, Wetumpka.—Wm. P. Pardee, Wm. Y. Lundie, Wm. B. Cooper and Charles Pardee.

On motion, the Convention proceeded to the election of the Standing Committee.

Rev. J. H. TICKNOR and J. M. VAN HOOSE were appointed Tellers.

After counting the ballots, the Rev. Messrs. KNAPP, HANSON and MASSEY of the Clergy, and Messrs. ALISON, HAMMOND and LESSENE of the Laity, were declared duly elected members of the Standing Committee for the ensuing year.

On motion, the Convention proceeded to the election of Delegates to the General Convention.

Rev. J. H. TICKNOR and J. M. VAN HOOSE were appointed Tellers.

After counting the ballots, the Rev. Messrs. KNAPP, JOHNSON, LAY and BANISTER of the Clergy, and Messrs. CONLEY, TAYLOR, A. W. ELLERBE and H. L. ALISON of the Laity, were declared to

be elected Delegates to the next General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States of America.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Convention now proceed to the election of Alternates to fill any vacancies that may occur in the Delegation, and that the principal Delegates, should they be unable to attend, give one month's notice to the Bishop, of their inability.

On motion, the Rules of Order were suspended, requiring the election by ballot, in the election of Alternates.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Alternates be elected *viva voce*.

The Rev. Messrs. HANSON, LEE, ELLIS and MITCHELL, of the Clergy, and Messrs. TAYLOR, HOKE, BENNERS and VAN HOOSE, were elected Alternate Delegates to the General Convention.

On motion, the Convention adjourned until 9 o'clock, A. M., to-morrow.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, SELMA, }
Saturday, May 14, 9 o'clock, A. M. }

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment. After Prayer by the President, and call of the roll, the minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

Rt. Rev. Bishop COBBS, Chairman of the Diocesan Missionary Committee made the following Report :

The undersigned, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Missionary Society would report that the following Clergymen have been in the employment of the Society during the past year, viz: Rev. T. A. MORRIS, who has been officiating in the town of Decatur, in the Counties of Limestone, Madison and Jackson. The Rev. J. M. MITCHELL who has been laboring in Cahaba, and occasionally visiting some adjacent congregations. The Rev. R. B. SURTON who has been officiating at Auburn, Tallassee and Crawford, and the Rev. R. D. NEVINS, who has been preaching in Wetumpka since the 1st of March. The state of the funds belonging to the Society, may be known by a reference to the Treasurer's Report herewith presented. N. H. COBBS,

Bishop Protestant Episcopal Church in Alabama.

On motion, concurred in.

On motion, the Convention proceeded to the election of the Committee and Treasurer of the Diocesan Missionary Society.

Rev. Messrs. HANSON, BANISTER and MURDAUGH of the Clergy, and Messrs. ELLERBE and PIERCE of the Laity, were nominated and elected members of the Committee of the Diocesan Missionary Society, and THOS. W. MCCOY, Treasurer.

The Trustees of the Bishop's Fund made the following Report :

The permanent Bishop's Fund amounted per report to the last Convention, to the sum of \$1,766 96-100, which has been increased by interest, &c., the sum of \$258 09, making the amount of the Fund at the present time, the sum of \$2,019 15, after deducting the sum of \$40, which has been paid to the Tuscaloosa Parish, under a resolution of the last Convention.

Of this Fund there is now in the hands of the Trustees, in cash, the sum of \$549 76 ready for re-investment.

The interest on this Fund being annually collected and converted into principal, the Fund is gradually increasing and promises in time to become one of some magnitude.

SPECIAL FUND.

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| To amount received in notes from Agent, May 1852,... | \$10,429 75 |
| To amount of cash paid by Agent,..... | 400 00 |
| By amount of notes on hand,..... | \$9,834 75 |
| " cash paid on T. Lesesne's note,..... | 100 00 |
| " " Jno. P. Broun's note,..... | 200 00 |
| " " L. H. Anderson's note,..... | 200 00 |
| " " Wm. Cocke's note,..... | 325 00 |
| " " A. L. Haden's note,..... | 150 00 |
| " " J. H. Allison's note,..... | 20 00—10,829 75 |
| By notes received of Agent since last Convention,..... | 150 00 |

Amount of Fund, May 1853,.....\$10,979 75

From the foregoing statement it will appear that the present amount of the special Bishop's Fund is \$10,979 75, and that it has been increased by notes obtained since the last Convention, \$150 00. It will also appear that the Trustees have collected in cash up to this time, of the principal, the sum of \$1,395, of which they have reinvested in a note, amply secured, the sum of \$700, leaving in their hands the sum of \$695 in cash to be now reinvested.

The Trustees have a full list of the names, makers and amounts of the notes on hand, which they desire should be inspected by the members of the Convention, and such information given to them as they may be in possession of. Nearly all of these notes are believed to be on good and responsible men, and the annual interest on them, pretty generally paid to the Treasurer. This interest is appropriated to the payment of the Bishop's Salary, and the amounts credited on the assessment on the several Parishes from which the notes were obtained, consequently the Trustees have not charged themselves with any interest. By a resolution of the last Convention, the Trustees were recommended to postpone the collection of the principal due upon the notes so long as they were considered good and the interest annually paid. Upon this recommendation they have acted, and with a few exceptions have collected only such as were voluntarily paid. They still deem it advisable to collect only those which may be considered doubtful. All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. F. PIERCE, } Acting Trustees.
A. W. ELLERBE }

May 14, 1853.

On motion, the Report was concurred in.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Secretary be authorized to have the Minutes, Constitution, &c. of the Society for the Relief of the Widows and Orphans, printed in the Journal of the Convention.

On motion, *Resolved*, That HENRY A. TAYLOR continue to act as an Agent to collect subscriptions for the Bishop's Fund.

On motion, the Convention proceeded to elect Trustees of the Bishop's Fund.

Messrs. W. F. PIERCE, A. W. ELLERBE and C. T. POLLARD were elected Trustees of the Bishop's Fund.

On motion, the Convention took recess for Divine Service.

After Divine Service the Convention was called to order.

The Committee on Finance made the following Report:

The Finance Committee report that they have examined the Treasurer's accounts and find them correct.

BISHOP'S FUND in account with H. A. TAYLOR, Treasurer.

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| 1852.—May 10.—To balance, | \$ | 1 | 70 | |
| “ 13.—By amount received at Convention, see abstract of 1852, | | | | 1,864 00 |
| “ 15.—To cash paid Rt. Rev. N. H. Cobbs, . . . | | 1,741 | 50 | |
| “ 27.—“ “ “ “ . . . | | 109 | 96 | |
| “ 29.—“ “ “ “ . . . | | 252 | 50 | |
| “ “ —By St. John's Church, Montgomery, . . . | | | | 250 00 |
| 1853 —Feb. 23.—St. John's Church, Tuscumbia, | | | | 22 50 |
| “ “ —St. James' Church, Eufaula, | | | | 25 00 |
| May 23.—To cash paid Rt. Rev. N. H. Cobbs, . . . | | 47 | 50 | |
| May.—“ “ “ “ . . . | | 8 | 34 | |
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CONTINGENT FUND in account with H. A. TAYLOR, Treasurer.

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| 1852.—May —To balance, | \$ | 13 | 02 | |
| “ —To cash paid Sexton of Christ Church, Tuscaloosa, | | 5 | 00 | |
| “ —By amount received, see abstract of 1852, . . | | | | \$49 20 |
| “ “ St. John's Church in the Wilderness, 1851, . . | | | | 5 50 |
| “ “ “ “ “ “ . . . | | | | 1 25 |
| “ Christ Church Mobile, | | | | 25 00 |
| “ St. John's Church, Montgomery, | | | | 12 50 |
| “ St. David's Church, Dallas county, 1851, . . | | | | 5 50 |
| “ Trinity Church, Mobile, | | | | 5 62 |
| June 20.—To cash paid for printing Journals, | | 89 | 25 | |
| Oct. 12.—“ “ postage on Journals, | | 8 | 39 | |
| 1853,—May 1.—To postage, | | | 25 | |
| To balance, | | | | 6 34 |
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Rt. Rev. N. H. COBBS, D. D., in account with the DIOCESE OF ALABAMA.

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| 1852.—May 15.—By Salary, | \$ | 2,250 | 00 | |
| To balance, | \$ | 81 | 00 | |
| “ cash, | | 1,741 | 50 | |
| “ 27.—“ “ | | 109 | 96 | |
| “ 29.—“ “ | | 252 | 50 | |
| 1853,—Feb. 23.—“ “ | | 47 | 50 | |
| May “ —“ “ | | 8 | 34 | |
| Balance due him, | | 59 | 20 | |
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| | | | | \$2,250 00 \$2,250 00 |

The Committee also recommend the following assessments upon the various Parishes, to provide for the payment of the Bishop's salary, and also five per cent. upon the amount of the assessments for Contingent Fund.

| | Bishop's Salary. | Contingent Fund. |
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| Christ Church, Mobile,..... | \$500 00 | \$25 00 |
| Christ Church, Tuscaloosa,..... | 250 00 | 12 50 |
| St. John's Church, Montgomery,..... | 250 00 | 12 50 |
| St. Paul's Church, Greensboro',..... | 175 00 | 8 75 |
| Union Parish, Uniontown,..... | 100 00 | 5 00 |
| St. Andrew's Church, Macon,..... | 50 00 | 2 50 |
| St. Paul's Church, Selma,..... | 100 00 | 5 00 |
| St. John's Church in the Prairies,..... | 30 00 | 1 50 |
| St. James' Church, Livingston,..... | 60 00 | 3 00 |
| Church of the Nativity, Huntsville,... | 125 00 | 6 25 |
| St. Peter's Church, Lowndes county,... | 50 00 | 2 50 |
| St. Paul's Church, Carlowville,..... | 50 00 | 2 50 |
| St. John's Church, Tuscumbia,..... | 25 00 | 1 25 |
| St. Luke's Church, Cahaba,..... | 50 00 | 2 50 |
| St. David's Church, Dallas county,.... | 94 00 | 4 70 |
| Trinity Church, Demopolis,..... | 50 00 | 2 50 |
| St. John's Church in the Wilderness,... | 25 00 | 1 25 |
| St. James' Church, Eufaula,.. .. | 25 00 | 1 25 |
| St. Stephen's Church, Eutaw,..... | 35 00 | 1 75 |
| Trinity Church, Mobile,..... | 112 50 | 5 62 |
| St. Mark's Church, Greene county,.... | 40 00 | 2 00 |
| St. Wilfrid's Church, Marion,..... | 25 00 | 1 25 |
| St. Luke's Church, Jacksonville,..... | 25 00 | 1 25 |
| St. John's Church, Elyton,..... | 10 00 | 50 |
| Trinity Church, Auburn,..... | 10 00 | 50 |
| St. Michael's Church, Marengo county,. | 50 00 | 2 50 |
| Christ Church, Wetumpka,..... | 10 00 | 50 |
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A. W. ELLERBE, Chairman.

On motion, the Report was concurred in.

On motion, the Convention adjourned until 3½ o'clock, P. M.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, SELMA, }
Saturday, 3½ o'clock, P. M. }

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

The Committee on the State of the Church made the following Report :

The Committee on the State of the Church, beg leave to report, that they have derived great satisfaction from a review of the Parochial Reports submitted to their inspection. These exhibit an increase of numerical strength, which has developed a corresponding increase in the resources of the Church. At no period in the history of the Diocese have the energy and liberality of her members been put forth so vigorously and successfully in the good work of promoting her extension.

Several new Churches have been consecrated, and several others, some of them of a very substantial and beautiful character, are now in rapid progress towards completion, two being free Churches in our largest city.

But the field is still white for the harvest, while the laborers are few.

Your Committee would, therefore, heartily respond to, and commend to the attention of all the members of the Church, the suggestions of our beloved Bishop, in regard to the liberal support of the Diocesan Missionary Society.

They would also repeat the well-timed counsel of his address, in reference to the lack of ministers, to supply the wants of an increasing population, and the demands of the multitude already eager for the Scriptural and Apostolic teaching and order of the Church. That lack must be supplied chiefly by a native Ministry. Will not the Clergy endeavor to lead the young men of their flocks to the Holy Ministry, and urge parents to train their sons in that godliness which will prompt them to further Christ's mission through the salvation of souls.

As a fountain of supply, the Church looks to the College and Seminary, directed by her wise counsels, and her established authority. The cause of Christian education, with an ultimate view to the increase of the Ministry, is therefore earnestly commended to the liberal support of our whole communion.

And as the mothers have been so earnestly and judiciously urged by the Bishop to the good work of training their sons for the sacred office, we would commend to special favor the Female Diocesan School, at Tuscaloosa, under the charge of Rev. Wm. JOHNSON, where the future mothers of future Ministers may be faithfully instructed in religious duties, as well as in the most useful branches of solid learning.

The Committee would further commend to your warmest sympathy and liberal patronage, "the Society for the relief of disabled Clergymen, and the Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen," which has just been reorganized, and which may in time become a source of great relief to many sufferers, who shall have claims upon the Church.

Attention is called to the importance of so increasing the Bishop's Fund as to relieve the Parishes from the burden of annual assessments.

With the hope that these suggestions may have weight in promoting the well-being of the Church, and trusting her interests to her Divine Head, whose gracious protection is devoutly acknowledged, we look forward with cheering hope to her abundant fruitfulness and wide-spread beneficence. All of which is respectfully submitted.

N. P. KNAPP, Chairman. ●

On motion, *Resolved*, That the thanks of this Convention be tendered to the citizens of Selma for their hospitality.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Secretary be authorized to have printed five hundred copies of the Journal, with the Rules of Order, for distribution.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the next Convention be holden in CARLOWVILLE, on the second Thursday in May, 1854.

On motion, the minutes of the Convention having been read, were adopted; when after prayer and the Benediction of the Bishop, the Convention adjourned *sine die*.

N. H. COBBS, President.

HENRY A. TAYLOR, Secretary.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF DIOCESAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

THOMAS W. McCoy, *Treasurer,*

In account with Diocesan Missionary Society of Alabama.

1852.

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May 8.—To balance, per report to Convention,..... \$453 63

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| 25.—To cash from St. Paul's Church, Greensboro',... | 28 00 |
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| " | To | " | " | Christ Church, Tuscaloosa, | 35 | 00 |
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June 4.—To “ “ **Bishop Cobbs, “a friend,”** **10 00**

10.—To “ “ St. John's Church, Montgomery,. 55 00

10.—To “ “ Union Parish, Uniontown,..... 11 00

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| July 20.—To | " | " | St. John's Church, Montgomery, . | 25 00 |
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January 7.—To " " St. Paul's Church, Selma,..... 23 75

31.—To " " St. Paul's Church, Greensboro',... 28 00

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| 31.—To | " | " | " | " | " | " "cash," | 2 00 |
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April 30.—To " " **St. John's Church, Montgomery,** **63 50**

May 3.—To “ “ St. Luke's Church, Cahaba,..... 17 00

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| May 25.—By cash paid Rev. R. B. Sutton,..... | \$ 58 00 |
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| July 16.—By | " | " | Rev. J. M. Mitchell,..... | 25 00 |
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| 20.—By | " | " | Rev. R. B. Sutton,..... | 25 00 |
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| August 3.—By | " | " | Rev. D. D. Flower,..... | 60 00 |
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| 17.—By | " | " | Rev. R. B. Sutton,..... | 25 00 |
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| September 27.—By | " | " | Rev. D. D. Flower,..... | 80 00 |
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| October 18.—By | “ | “ | Rev. J. M. Mitchell,..... | 75 00 |
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| 25.—By | " | " | R. B. Sutton..... | 50 00 |
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| December 6.—By | “ | “ | Rev. T. A. Morris..... | 100 00 |
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| 27.—By | " | " | Rev. R. B. Sutton,..... | 20 00 |
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| January 24.—By | “ | “ | Rev. J. M. Mitchell,..... | 25 00 |
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| April 14.—By | “ | “ | Rev. R. D. Nevius,..... | 20 00 |
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THOMAS W. McCOY, Treasurer.

E. E.—Mobile, May 10th, 1853.

APPENDIX.


The undersigned, in anticipation of a division of Union Parish, and the formation of a new Parish out of the western portion thereof, desiring to secure to themselves and families the services of the Church, do hereby agree to and sign the following articles of association :

ARTICLE 1. We hereby accede to and recognize the Constitution and Canons of the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America.

ART. 2. We will conform to the usages and be governed by the Canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Alabama, adopted in 1852.

ART. 3. This Parish shall be named and known as St. Michael's Parish.

THOS. A. HARRISON, Chairman.
DAVID MINGE, Secretary.
ANDREW P. CALHOUN,
B. C. DUBOSE.

 The following resolution was adopted in the Convention of 1849, and is still in force :

Resolved, That the Clergymen in their respective Parishes be requested to take up a collection, on each Christmas day, for the benefit of the Bishop's Fund, and where a Clergyman officiates in more than one Parish, a collection be taken up as early after Christmas as convenient, for that purpose, in the Parish, in which no service may be held on Christmas day, and that these collections be called Christmas Offerings.

CONSTITUTION
OF THE
PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH,
IN THE DIOCESE OF ALABAMA.

THE Clergy and Laity of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Alabama, for the purpose of promoting the cause of religion and piety, establishing order, and securing to themselves and their posterity the advantages of the ministry and ordinances of the Church, do ordain and establish this Constitution :

ARTICLE 1. This Church hereby accedes to the authority, and recognizes and adopts the Constitution and Canons of the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America.

ART. 2. There shall be an annual Convention of the Church, to be held at such time and place as shall be designated by the next preceding Convention; and in case there should be an epidemic disease in the place appointed for holding said Convention, or any other good cause to render it necessary to alter the place fixed for holding it, the Bishop shall have the power to appoint another convenient place for holding the same.

ART. 3. The Convention shall be composed of Clergymen and Laymen. Every Clergyman in ecclesiastical connexion with the Diocese, being a Minister or Assistant Minister of some Parish within the same, or a Missionary under the direction of the ecclesiastical authority thereof, or being a President, Professor or Tutor in some Institution of learning recognized and approved by this Convention, or being unable to discharge the duties of the Ministry on account of age or infirm health, or a Chaplain in the Army or Navy, shall be entitled to a seat and vote in the Convention. *Provided*, that no member shall be entitled to a seat in the Convention, unless he shall have resided in the Diocese for six months next preceding. The Laymen shall consist of any number of Delegates, not exceeding five from each Parish, chosen by the Vestry thereof from the Church within the same.

ART. 4. Four members of the Clerical order and the delegations of four Parishes shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business : but a smaller number may adjourn.

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ART. 11. A proposition to alter this Constitution, shall be made in writing, and if approved by two-thirds of the Convention, shall be submitted to the next Convention; if approved by a majority of the two orders therein, voting separately, it shall be adopted: the Constitution, so altered, shall be valid.

Rules of Order.

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 Rev. J. A. MASSEY, Wm. P. HAMMOND,
 Rev. F. R. HANSON, H. L. ALISON.
 THOMAS LESESNE.

Missionary Committee.

Rt. Rev. N. H. COBBS, D. D.,
 Rev. F. R. HANSON, A. W. ELLERBE,
 Rev. J. M. BANISTER, Wm. F. PIERCE,
 Rev. E. C. MURDAUGH.
 Treasurer—THOMAS W. MCCOY, Mobile.

Trustees of the Bishop's Fund.

Wm. F. PIERCE, Eutaw.
 A. W. ELLERBE, Liberty Hill, Dallas County.
 C. T. POLLARD, Montgomery.

Delegates to the General Convention.


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| Rev. N. P. KNAPP, | M. J. CONLEY, |
| Rev. J. M. BANISTER, | H. A. TAYLOE, |
| Rev. H. C. LAY, | A. W. ELLERBE, |
| Rev. Wm. JOHNSON, | H. L. ALISON. |

Alternates.

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| Rev. F. R. HANSON, | T. B. TAYLOR, |
| Rev. F. B. LEE, | J. D. HOKE, |
| Rev. Wm. J. ELLIS, | A. BENNERS, |
| Rev. J. M. MITCHELL, | J. M. VAN HOOSE. |

Secretary and Treasurer of the Convention.

HENRY A. TAYLOE, Macon, Marengo County.

 The next Annual Convention will be held in CARLOWVILLE,
 on the second Thursday in May, 1854.

Abstract of the Parochial Reports.

| NAMES OF PARISHES. | When admitted into Union. | | Baptisms. | | | | Communicants. | | | | Schools. | | | | Pd to Bishop's Assessment. | Paid to Condu- gent Assoc- ment. | Paid to Diacon- en Missionary Society. | Other Contrib- utions. | PRESENT MINISTERS. | | |
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| | Adults. | Children. | Adults. | Children. | Whole No. | Confirmed. | Married. | Buried. | Added. | Died. | Removed. | Colored. | Whole No. | Teachers. | | | | | | White Scholars. | Colored Scholars. |
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| Christ Church, Mobile,... | 60 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 64 | 9 | 15 | 15 | 12 | 1 | 8 | 8 | 220 | 15 | 100 | 00 | \$500 00 | \$25 00 | \$719 53 | Rev. N. P. Knapp,..... | |
| Christ Church, Tuscaloosa, | 14 | 7 | 19 | 6 | 39 | 16 | 9 | 8 | 21 | 2 | 1 | 9 | 75 | 17 | 40 | 00 | 250 00 | 12 50 | 28 50 | Rev. Wm. Johnson,..... | |
| St. Paul's Church, Greensboro', | 5 | 5 | 11 | 1 | 16 | 5 | 1 | 3 | 10 | 5 | 5 | 1 | 60 | 8 | 20 | 18 | 175 00 | 8 70 | 206 50 | Rev. J. M. Banister,..... | |
| Trinity Church, Demopolis, | 4 | 2 | | | 6 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 16 | 8 | 20 | 18 | 80 00 | 2 50 | \$18 90 | Rev. F. R. Hanson,..... | |
| St. John's Church, in the Prairies, | 13 | 8 | 1 | 1 | 18 | 9 | 2 | 5 | 7 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 48 | 4 | 10 | 18 | 60 00 | 3 00 | 51 60 | Rev. J. H. Tickner,..... | |
| St. James' Church, Livingston, | 28 | 8 | 1 | 1 | 47 | 19 | 5 | 9 | 19 | 8 | 6 | 4 | 103 | 15 | 91 | 10 | 250 00 | 12 50 | 276 30 | Rev. J. H. Morrison,..... | |
| St. John's Church, Montgomery, | 14 | 4 | | | 18 | 8 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 25 | | | | 50 00 | 1 25 | 51 50 | Rev. W. A. Stickney,..... | |
| St. Peter's Church, Lowndes County, | 7 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 9 | 8 | 1 | 6 | 9 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 35 | 8 | 40 | 40 | 100 00 | 5 00 | 54 75 | Rev. W. H. Platt,..... | |
| St. Paul's Church, Selma, | 10 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 12 | 7 | 1 | 3 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 15 | 5 | 10 | 10 | 50 00 | 3 50 | 194 15 | Rev. John M. Mitchell,..... | |
| St. Luke's Church, Cahaba, | 9 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 11 | 7 | 1 | 5 | 1 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 30 | 5 | 30 | 10 | 50 00 | 3 50 | 44 15 | Rev. F. B. Lee,..... | |
| St. Paul's Church, Cartersville, | 8 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 9 | 5 | 1 | 4 | 5 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 14 | 4 | 30 | 10 | 25 00 | 1 25 | | Rev. R. A. Cobba,..... | |
| St. John's Church, Tusculum, | 5 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 7 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 9 | | | | 25 40 | | | Rev. J. B. T. Smith,..... | |
| Trinity Church, Florence, | 15 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 22 | 4 | 1 | 10 | 5 | 9 | 13 | 4 | 41 | | | | 125 00 | 6 25 | 250 55 | Rev. H. O. Lay,..... | |
| Church of the Nativity, Huntsville, | 8 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 8 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 11 | | | | 94 00 | 4 70 | | Rev. Peyton Gallagher,..... | |
| St. David's Church, Dallas County, | 4 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 7 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 3 | 28 | | | | 50 00 | 2 50 | 15 40 | Rev. F. E. Hanson,..... | |
| St. Andrew's Church, Macon, | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 19 | | | | 14 00 | | | Rev. E. C. Murlough,..... | |
| Union Parish, Uniontown, | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 19 | | | | 14 00 | | | Rev. W. J. Ella,..... | |
| St. James' Church, Euclid, | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 17 | | | | 85 00 | 1 75 | 98 50 | Rev. D. D. Flower,..... | |
| St. John's Church, in the Wilderness, | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 15 | | | | 112 50 | 5 63 | 108 20 | Rev. J. A. Mamey,..... | |
| St. Stephen's Church, Eatow, | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 12 | | | | 40 00 | 2 00 | | | |
| Trinity Church, Mobile, | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 9 | | | | 35 00 | 1 25 | | | |
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| St. Luke's Church, Jacksonville, | 5 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 11 | | | | 10 00 | | 8 90 | Rev. E. B. Britton,..... | |
| St. John's Church, Elyton, | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 11 | | | | | | | | |
| Trinity Church, Auburn, | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 11 | | | | | | 10 00 | Rev. E. D. Nevins,..... | |
| St. Michael's Church, Marengo County, | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 11 | | | | | | | | |
| Christ Church, Wetumpka, | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 11 | | | | | | | | |
| Rev. Thos. A. Cook, Missionary, Talladega, | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 11 | | | | | | | | |
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MINUTES OF A MEETING

OF THE

**SOCIETY FOR THE RELIEF OF DISABLED CLERGYMEN,
AND OF THE WIDOWS AND ORPHANS OF DECEASED
CLERGYMEN OF THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH,
IN THE DIOCESE OF ALABAMA.**

TOGETHER WITH ITS

• **Constitution and By-Laws.**

MINUTES.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, SELMA, }
Friday, May 13, 1853, 8 o'clock, A. M. }

At a meeting of the Society for the relief of the Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen and of disabled Clergymen, the meeting was called to order by the Rt. Rev. N. H. COBBS, President *ex-officio*.

MEMBERS.

1846.—Rt. Rev. N. H. COBBS, D. D., life member; Rev. F. B. LEE, Rev. F. R. HANSON, Rev. N. P. KNAPP, Rev. J. A. MASSEY; Messrs. HENRY A. TAYLOR, JOHN ELLERBE, H. L. ALISON.

1847.—Rev. J. M. MITCHELL; Messrs. PAUL LEE, M. J. CONLEY, JOHN SIMPSON, DAVID MINGE.

1848.—Rev. R. A. COBBS; Messrs. HINDMAN BARNEY, L. H. ANDERSON, THOS. W. MCCOY, E. W. PECK.

1849.—Rev. H. C. LAY, Rev. J. M. ROBERTSON, Rev. J. H. TICKNOR; Messrs. JNO. P. BROUN, A. W. ELLERBE, S. CHAPMAN, THOS. B. TAYLOR.

1850.—MR. EMANUEL JONES.

1853.—Rev. WM. JOHNSON; Messrs. W. W. LANG, life member, and J. W. CLAY.

Present.—Rev. Messrs. HANSON, LAY, LEE and MITCHELL, Clerical members, and Messrs. CONLEY, TAYLOR, BROUN, JOHN ELLERBE, W. W. LANG and TAYLOR, Lay members.

Rev. H. C. LAY offered the following resolutions:

Resolved, That a Committee of four be appointed to memorialize the Legislature for an Act to Incorporate the Society for the relief of Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen, and of disabled Clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Alabama.

Resolved, That a Committee of five be appointed to report a Constitution for the government of this Society, embodying, substantially, the provisions of a similar Society of the Diocese of Maryland, and that it shall be the duty of such Committee to report before the adjournment of the Convention, and that said Committee be instructed to enquire into the expediency of extending the benefits of the Society to the families of disabled Clergymen, of introducing the principle of life membership, and also of making a provision by which others besides members of the Society may be relieved from the General Fund.

The following gentlemen were appointed to constitute the Committee under the first resolution:

Hon. F. S. LYON, Hon. J. D. PHELAN, T. B. TAYLOR and A. W. ELLERBE, Esqs.

The following gentlemen were appointed to constitute the Committee under the second resolution :

Rev. Messrs. HANSON, LEE and LAY, of the Clergy, and Messrs. JOHN ELLERBE and M. J. CONLEY, of the Laity.

The Society then adjourned until 8 o'clock to-morrow morning.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, SELMA, }
Saturday, May 14, 8 o'clock, A. M. }

The Society met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the President.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The Committee appointed to draft a Constitution, &c., made a report.

On motion, the report was received and the committee discharged.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Constitution, &c., be read again and voted on article by article.

The Constitution reported by the Committee, after being amended, was adopted, with the By-Laws appended thereto.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Rev. J. H. MORRISON, being about to leave the Diocese be permitted to withdraw the amount he has hitherto subscribed to its funds.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Convention be requested to allow the Constitution, By-laws, &c., to be published in the Journal.

On motion, HENRY A. TAYLOR was elected Secretary and Treasurer. The Society then adjourned.

N. H. COBBS, President *ex-officio*.

HENRY A. TAYLOR, Treasurer.

REV. N. P. KNAPP,
Preacher of the Sermon for the year 1854.

REV. F. R. HANSON, *Alternate*.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

Society for the Relief of Disabled Clergymen, and of the Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the Diocese of Alabama.

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Should any Clerical member being still connected with the Diocese, choose to withdraw from the Society he shall receive no compensation for the money which he has contributed; but his widow and children shall be entitled to 10 per cent. upon the money contributed, which shall be paid as an annuity for the period, and under the conditions prescribed in the case of other annuities. And any contributor removing from the Diocese, although he can no longer be considered as a member of the Society, may remain a contributor, and in case of his disability or death, he or his family shall be entitled to the same benefits as if he had remained in the Diocese. But if it should be inconvenient for him, after his removal, to continue his subscription, he shall then be repaid the sum which he shall have advanced, penalties excepted, with simple interest not exceeding 5 per cent. on each contribution, during the time the Society shall have used the money. Each contributor shall abide by that class which he first entered, except upon the following conditions: If he desire to go from a lower to a higher class, he shall pay the difference between his former and his new rate of subscription, for all the years during which he has paid the smaller sum, together with interest thereon, computed at the compound rates. If he change from a higher to a lower class he shall be repaid the difference between his two rates of subscription during the term of his subscribing without any interest thereon.

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the Society ; and children, if males, shall enjoy annuities until they be twenty-one years old ; and if females, until they be twenty-five years old, unless they previously marry, upon which their annuities shall cease.

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ART. 11. This Constitution may be altered at an annual meeting, by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

BY - L A W S .

1. The Society shall hold its annual meeting upon the second day of the session of the Diocesan Convention.

2. A Sermon shall be preached and a collection taken up in furtherance of its objects at each Convention; the Preacher and an Alternate to be designated twelve months beforehand by the President of the Society.

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TREASURER'S REPORT.

Society for the Relief of the Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen, in account with HENRY A. TAYLOR, Treasurer.

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| 1852.—May 1.—By balance..... | \$155 87 |
| " interest upon \$200 45,..... | 16 00 |
| " 13.—" subscriptions received from members,..... | 70 00 |
| " Church of the Nativity, Huntsville,..... | 40 00 |
| " St. John's Church, in the Prairies,..... | 8 40 |
| Aug. 6.—" interest upon note of \$50,..... | 4 00 |
| " 9.—" payment of note and interest,..... | 106 75 |
| 1853.—May 1.—" interest upon \$155 87,..... | 12 46 |
| | \$413 48 |

Securities held by the Treasurer,.....\$735 07
Amount on hand,..... 413 48

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| | \$1,148 55 |
| May 13.—Received at Convention, less \$15 paid | |
| Rev. J. H. Morrison,..... | 321 58 |
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List of Clergy in the Diocese of Alabama.

IN ATTENDANCE.

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| " R. A. COBBS, | St. John's Church, Tusculumbia. |
| " GEO. F. CUSHMAN, | St. Luke's Church, Cahaba. |
| " WM. J. ELLIS, | St. James' Church, Eufaula. |
| " F. R. HANSON, | Trinity Church, Demopolis, and St. Andrew's, Macon. |
| " WM. JOHNSON, | Christ Church, Tuscaloosa. |
| " F. B. LEE, | St. Paul's Church, Carlowville. |
| " J. A. MASSEY, | Trinity Church, Mobile. |
| " J. M. MITCHELL, (Assistant Minister,) | St. John's Church, Montgomery. |
| " R. D. NEVIUS, (Deacon,) | St. David's Church, Dallas County. |
| " J. B. RAMSDELL, (Deacon,) | St. Peter's Church, Lowndes County. |
| " J. M. ROBERTSON, | Huntsville. |
| " S. U. SMITH, (Deacon,) | St. Stephen's Church, Eutaw. |
| " WM. A. STICKNEY, | St. Wilfrid's Church, Marion. |
| " S. R. WRIGHT, (Deacon,) | Uniontown. |

NOT IN ATTENDANCE.

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| " THOS. A. COOK, | Grace Church, Talladega. |
| " PEYTON GALLAGHER, | Residing in Oswego, New-York. |
| " J. H. INGRAHAM, | St. John's Church, Mobile. |
| " H. C. LAY, | Church of the Nativity, Huntsville. |
| " THOS. A. MORRIS, | Missionary in Jackson County. |
| " E. C. MURDAUGH, | Union Parish, Uniontown. |
| " WM. H. PLATT, | St. Paul's Church, Selma. |
| " J. B. T. SMITH, | Trinity Church, Florence. |
| " JOHN H. TICKNOR, | St. James' Church, Livingston. |

List of Lay Delegates.

Christ Church, Mobile—

*THOMAS F. STICKNEY.

Christ Church, Tuscaloosa—

*JOHN N. CRADDOCK,
*ALBERT G. GOOCH,
LUTHER S. SKINNER,
S. J. LEACH.

St. Paul's Church, Greensboro'—

ISAAC CROOM,
A. STOLLENWERCK,
R. PASTEUR,
*J. B. STICKNEY,
A. BENNERS.

St. James' Church, Livingston—

L. H. ANDERSON,
C. R. GIBBS,
S. CHAPMAN,
H. R. THORNTON.

St. John's Church, Montgomery—

CHARLES T. POLLARD,
THOS. B. TAYLOR,
*GEO. COOK,
M. J. CONLEY,
THOMAS WELSH.

St. Peter's Church, Lowndes County—

*JOHN P. BROOK,
*J. C. REYNOLDS.

St. John's Church, Mobile—

J. B. FORNEY,
DOUGLAS OTTINGER,
*EMANUEL JONES,
CHAS. T. STICKNEY,
WM. P. HAMMOND.

St. Luke's Church, Cahaba—

E. M. PERINE,
N. H. R. DAWSON,
W. E. BIRD,
D. S. TROY,
WM. E. BOYD.

St. Paul's Church, Carlowville—

*W. W. LANG,
*H. L. ALISON,
*J. M. LEE,
*B. REYNOLDS,
*THOS. DEAS.

St. David's Church, Dallas County—

*A. W. ELLERBE.

St. Andrew's Church, Macon—

*J. H. DUBOSE,
*H. A. TAYLOR.

St. Stephen's Church, Eutaw—

WM. F. PIERCE,
G. ELIJOT,
A. JARVIS,
C. A. VANDON,
F. G. RICHARDSON.

Trinity Church, Mobile—

C. A. BRADFORD,
GEO. F. BOONE,
T. LESERNE,
L. DAVES.

St. Paul's Church, Selma—

*WM. WADDIL, JR.,
*C. D. PARKE,
*B. B. HOTCHKISS,
*N. CURTIS.

*Those marked thus were in attendance.

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ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, CARLOWVILLE, }
Thursday, May 11, 1854. }

THIS being the time and place appointed for the meeting of the Twenty-Third Annual Convention of the Diocese of Alabama, Divine Service commenced at 11 o'clock, A. M. Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. F. B. LEE and Rev. F. R. HANSON, and the Communion. Service by the Right Rev. Bishop of the Diocese. The Sermon was preached by the Rev. W. J. ELLIS, from St. John's Gospel, 3d chapter, 16th verse: "*God so loved the world, he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life.*"

The Holy Communion was administered by the Bishop, assisted in the distribution of the elements, by the Rev. Messrs. LEE and HANSON.

After the Benediction, the Convention was called to order by the Right Rev. N. H. COBBS, D. D. The Bishop then presented the list of the Clergy *canonically* connected with the Diocese:

Rt. Rev. N. H. COBBS, D. D., St. John's Church, Montgomery.

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" S. R. WRIGHT, Deacon, Uniontown.—25.

H. A. TAYLOR was appointed Secretary pro tem.

Their names being called, the following were found to be in attendance:

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" WM. JOHNSON,

" W. A. STICKNEY.

The List of Parishes was then called, and Certificates of Election were presented from:

St. John's Church, Montgomery—Charles T. Pollard, Thos. B. Taylor, Geo. Cook, M. J. Conley, Thomas Welsh.

St. Paul's Church, Greensboro'—Isaac Croom, A. Stollenwerk, E. Pasteur, J. B. Stickney, A. Bennera.

St. Andrew's Church, Macon—J. H. Dubose, H. A. Tayloe.

St. Paul's Church, Carlisle—W. W. Lang, H. L. Alison, J. M. Lee, B. Reynolds, Thomas Deas.

St. Luke's Church, Cahaba—E. M. Perine, N. H. R. Dawson, W. E. Bird, D. S. Troy, Wm. E. Boyd.

St. David's Church, Dallas County—A. W. Ellerbe.

St. Stephen's Church, Eutaw—William F. Pierce, G. Elliot, A. Jarvis, C. A. Vandoon, F. G. Richardson.

St. Peter's Church, Lowndes County—John P. Broun, J. C. Reynolds.

St. James' Church, Livingston—L. H. Anderson, C. R. Gibbs, S. Chapman, H. R. Thornton.

Which were referred to a Committee upon Certificates of Election, consisting of Rev. Messrs. JOHNSON, COBBS and S. U. SMITH.

* Those marked thus, not entitled to seats.

The Committee upon Certificates of Election having examined the same, reported them in due form, excepting the last.

The names of the Delegates being called, the following gentlemen were found in attendance :

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| Messrs. GEO. COOK, | Messrs. J. M. LEE, |
| " J. B. STICKNEY, | " BENJ. REYNOLDS, |
| " H. A. TAYLOR, | " THOS. DEAR, |
| " JAS. H. DUBOSE, | " A. W. ELLERBE, |
| " W. W. LANG, | " JOHN P. BROWN, |
| " H. L. ALISON, | " F. C. REYNOLDS. |

A Constitutional quorum being present, the President declared the Convention duly organized.

On motion, HENRY A. TAYLOR was chosen Secretary.

The President appointed the following Standing Committees :

Committee on the state of the Church—Rev. Messrs. HANSON, ELLIS, BANISTER, CUSHMAN, ROBERTSON and MITCHELL.

Committee on Finance—Messrs. ELLERBE, ALISON, STICKNEY, COOK, DUBOSE and BROWN.

Committee on Unfinished Business—Rev. Messrs. CUSHMAN and STICKNEY.

Committee on the Admission of New Parishes—Rev. Messrs. LEE, STICKNEY and NEVINS.

On motion, *Resolved*, That any Clergyman of the Protestant Episcopal Church present, not canonically connected with this Diocese, and Candidates for Orders, be invited to seats in the Convention.

On motion, *Resolved*, That a Committee of three Clergymen be appointed to prepare a Form of Parochial Report, in conformity to a Canon passed by the last General Convention, to obtain an accurate view of the state of the Church.

Whereupon the President appointed Rev. Messrs. HANSON, BANISTER and LEE, said Committee.

On motion, the Convention then adjourned until half-past eight o'clock to-morrow.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, CARLOWVILLE, }
Friday, 8½ o'clock, A. M. }

Convention met pursuant to adjournment. After Prayer by the Rt. Rev. President, and call of the roll, the minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

Certificates of Election from Christ Church, Tuscaloosa, were presented and referred to the Committee on Certificates.

The Committee upon Certificates of Election having examined the same reported it in due form, and the following gentlemen entitled to seats in the Convention :

Christ Church, Tuscaloosa—Jno. N. Craddock, Albert G. Gooch, Luther S. Skinner and S. J. Leach.

Their names being called, Messrs. CRADDOCK and GOOCH answered thereto.

Rev. J. A. MASSEY appeared and took his seat in Convention.

Application for admission into union, from St. John's Church, Mobile, was presented and referred to the Committee on the Admission of New Parishes.

The Committee reported the same in due form, and recommended the admission of St. John's Church into union.

On motion, the report was adopted.

The Rev. F. R. HANSON requested permission to withdraw from the Committee appointed to prepare a Form of Parochial Report.

Leave granted, and Rev. G. F. CUSHMAN appointed in his place.

Certificates of Election were presented from Christ Church, Trinity Church, and St. John's Church, Mobile. Referred to the Committee on Certificates.

The Committee on Certificates of Election, having examined the same, reported them in due form, and the following gentlemen entitled to seats:

Christ Church, Mobile—Thomas F. Stickney.

Trinity Church, Mobile—C. A. Bradford, Geo. F. Boone, T. Lesesne, L. Daves.

St. John's Church, Mobile—J. B. Forney, Douglas Otinger, Emanuel Jones, Charles T. Stickney, and Wm. P. Hammond.

Their names being called, Messrs. T. F. STICKNEY and JONES answered thereto.

Rev. J. A. MASSEY presented the Report of the Standing Committee of the Diocese.

The following are the official acts of the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Alabama, since their election at the last Convention.

June 17th, 1858.—After organizing by electing Rev. N. P. KNAPP, President, and Rev. J. A. MASSEY, Secretary, the Committee signed the testimonials of Rev. WM. H. PLATT, applying for Priests' Orders.

November 7th, 1858.—Mr. STEPHEN R. WRIGHT, late a Presbyterian Minister, and Mr. ROSCOE PECK were recommended to the Bishop as Candidates for Holy Orders.

December 20th, 1858.—Mr. ANASTASIUS MENAS was recommended to the Bishop as a Candidate for Holy Orders.

At a meeting of the Standing Committee held March 10th, 1854, the first meeting after the demise of the President, the Rev. N. P. KNAPP, the Committee was re-organized by the election of the Rev. J. A. MASSEY, President, and THOS. LESSENE, Esq., Secretary. The following preamble and resolutions were then unanimously adopted, and ordered to be placed upon the Minutes of the Committee.

WHEREAS it has pleased Almighty God, by a mysterious and painful dispensation, to take out of this world the soul of our deceased brother and friend, the Rev. N. P. KNAPP, therefore

Resolved, That we bow with reverence and submission to this and every dispensation of Almighty God, feeling assured that however painful to surviving friends this bereavement may be, our departed brother has entered upon a glorious rest.

Resolved, That we will ever cherish the remembrance of his many virtues as a man, and his excellency and usefulness as a Minister of the blessed Gospel.

At the same time the Testimonials of the Rev. S. U. SMITH, applying for Priests' Orders, were signed by the Committee.

On the 4th of May, 1854, the Rev. G. F. CUSHMAN was elected to fill the vacancy in the Standing Committee, and the papers of Mr. S. R. WRIGHT, applying for admission to the Diaconate, and of Rev. R. D. NEVILL, applying for Priests' Orders, were signed by the Committee.

All of which is respectfully reported.

J. A. MASSEY, President.

On motion, the Rules of Order were suspended in regard to the Bishop's Address, and its reading postponed until after Divine Service.

Parochial Reports were then presented and read, viz :

CHRIST CHURCH, TUSKALOOSA.—Rev. Wm. Johnson, Rector.

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| Baptisms—White, adults, 4, infants, 4,..... | Total, 8 |
| Colored, adults, 3, infants 3,..... | " 6 |
| Confirmations—White, 6, colored, 1,..... | " 7 |
| Marriages—White,..... | 2 |
| Deaths—White, 3, colored, 1,..... | Total, 4 |
| Communicants—White, added 10, died 2, removed 10,... | present number, 65 |
| Colored, added, 1,..... | present number, 10 |
| Sunday Schools—Teachers, 13, scholars, white, 30, colored, 20,..... | Total, 50 |
| Communion—Number of times administered,..... | 11 |
| Offerings at Communion,..... | \$689 10 |
| Collections,..... | \$22 30 |
| Divine Service—Number of times celebrated,..... | 158 |

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, GREENSBORO'.—Rev. J. M. BANISTER, Rector.

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| Baptisms—White, adults, 9, infants, 9,..... | Total, 18 |
| Colored, infants,..... | 12 |
| Confirmations—White,..... | 13 |
| Marriages—White, 6, colored, 1,..... | Total, 7 |
| Deaths—White,..... | 3 |
| Communicants—White, added, 11, died, 1, removed 7,... | present number, 61 |
| Sunday Schools—Teachers, 5, Scholars,..... | about 30 |
| Library—Number of Books,..... | 225 |
| Communion—Number of times administered,..... | about 14 |
| Offerings at Communion,..... | \$134 10 |
| Collections,..... | \$365 00 |
| Divine Service—Number of times celebrated,..... | about 200 |

TRINITY CHURCH, DEMOPOLIS.—Rev. F. R. HANSON, Rector.

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| Baptisms—White, infants,..... | 1 |
| Colored, infants,..... | 15 |
| Marriages—White,..... | 2 |
| Communicants—Withdrawn 2, removed 2, died 1,..... | present number, 11 |
| Sunday Schools—Teachers, 4, Scholars,..... | about 20 |
| Communion—Number of times administered,..... | 4 |
| Offerings at Communion,..... | \$25 |
| Collections—For Diocesan Missions,..... | \$7 |

The Rector would respectfully report, that since the last Convention, services have been regularly performed in the Church in this Parish, and for the greater part of the time once on every Sunday, either in the morning or afternoon. At present he officiates there in the morning on the first Sunday in the month, and in the afternoon on all other Sundays. By this arrangement he is enabled to celebrate Divine Service on every Sunday in Demopolis, and three times a month in St. Andrew's Church, Macon.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, MACON.—Rev. F. R. HANSON, Rector.

Baptisms—White, infants,.....1
 Confirmations—White,.....1
 Deaths—White,.....2
 Communicants—White, added 8, removed 3,.....present number, 17
 Collections—For Diocesan Missions and other purposes,.....\$30 00

The Rector would report, that the Church building is not yet finished, but will probably be ready for consecration in a short time. The prospects of the Church in this Parish are encouraging. Divine Service is regularly performed in the morning, on three Sundays in the month. The congregations are good, attentive and respectful.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, LIVINGSTON.—Rev. J. H. TICKNOR, Rector.

Baptisms—White, adults 4, infants 15,.....Total, 19
 Colored, infants,.....6
 Confirmations—White,.....12
 Marriages—White,.....4
 Deaths,.....2
 Communicants—Removed 6, added 21,.....present number, 52
 Sunday Schools—3; Teachers 6, scholars,.....42
 Libraries—2; Number of Books,.....unknown
 Communion—Number of times administered,.....14
 Collections—For Church building, &c.,.....\$200 00
 " New Orleans,.....25 00
 " Convocation,.....16 65
 " Diocesan Missions,.....23 00
 Offerings at Communion, in addition to above,.....14 00—\$278 65
 Divine Service—Number of Times celebrated,.....144

(In Columbus, Georgia, performed Divine Service twelve times, administered the Holy Communion twice, baptised two infants, and performed the burial service four times.)

In this Parish, services are regularly maintained at Livingston and Sumterville, in Sumter county, and at Butler and Pushmataha, in Choctaw county; and at other points, as I have time and opportunity.

A separate Parochial organization is contemplated in that part of the Parish embraced in Choctaw county. Our services here have not been without a good result; and I have only to regret my inability to visit this kind and very interesting people oftener than once a month. At Sumterville, Grace Chapel has been fitted up neatly and comfortably. Our services here are well attended, and they have already produced fruit to cheer the heart of the excellent and indefatigable Laymen, to whom we are indebted for our unique "House of Prayer." The ladies of the congregation are preparing for a fair, to be held in June, to procure the means for further improvement.

Want of time, much to my regret, has prevented my paying that attention which it deserved, to Gainesville, on the northern boundary of the Parish. For the same reason I have been compelled to decline visiting other places; though I have occasional appointments for night services at points through which I pass to reach my regular engagements.

In Livingston, while we have had to regret the removal of several valuable members of the Communion and of the congregation, we have also had many good reasons to "thank God and take courage."

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, MONTGOMERY.

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| Rt. Rev. N. H. Coons, D. D., Rector. | | Rev. JOHN M. MURPHY, Assistant. | |
| Baptisms—White, adults, 9, infants 40,..... | Total, | 49 | |
| Colored, infants,..... | | 8 | |
| Confirmations—White, 11, colored 2,..... | Total, | 13 | |
| Marriages—White, 3, colored, 1,..... | " | 4 | |
| Deaths—White, 14, colored, 1,..... | " | 15 | |
| Communicants—White, added, 21, died, 2, withdrawn 2, removed, 6, | present number, | 110 | |
| Colored, | " | 4 | |
| Sunday School—Teachers, 16, Scholars,..... | | 110 | |
| Library—Number of Books,..... | | 400 | |
| Communion—Number of times administered,..... | | 16 | |
| Offerings at Communion,..... | | \$187 43 | |
| Collections—For Domestic Missions,..... | | \$100 00 | |
| " Diocesan Missions,..... | | 55 00 | |
| " Rev. Mr. Breck's Mission,..... | | 5 00 | |
| " Bishop's Fund,..... | | 25 00 | |
| " Charity School, of T. B. Taylor, \$100 00; | | | |
| of others, \$75 00,..... | | 175 00 | |
| " Contingent Fund,..... | | 12 50—\$372 50 | |
| Divine Service—Number of times celebrated,..... | | 228 | |

In connection with this Parish, Divine Service has been celebrated, with a few exceptions, one Tuesday in each month at Mt. Meigs, and one Saturday in each month for the Blacks at the plantation of Mr. E. F. Taylor. It is a matter of constant regret both to the Rector and to his Assistant, that they are unable to have regular services for the Blacks in town, because not provided with a house for that purpose. A large and costly church edifice is now erecting for the increasing congregation of Whites, and it is earnestly hoped that the members of the Church and Parish will not be weary in well-doing until they shall have made ample provision also for the religious instruction of their servants.

The Charity School mentioned in the above report is conducted by several zealous Christian young ladies, of the Parish, who teach in rotation, two at a time, two weeks each. Their labor of love is worthy of much commendation, and certainly will not lack the approval of Him by whom every Christian service done even unto the least of His disciples is taken and deemed to be done unto Himself. It is proper to remark that of the amount of money reported above, as expended in carrying on this enterprise, \$60 have been contributed by persons not connected with this Parish, and that on several occasions the teachers have received valued assistance in their labors from ladies not belonging to the Episcopal congregation.

ST. WILFRID'S CHURCH, MARION.—Rev. W. A. SPOFFORD, Rector.

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| Baptisms—White, adults, 5, infants, 4,..... | Total, | 9 | |
| Confirmations—White,..... | | 8 | |
| Deaths—White,..... | | 1 | |
| Communicants—White, added, 9, removed 2,..... | present number, | 30 | |
| Colored,..... | present number, | 1 | |
| Parish School—Scholars,..... | | 25 | |
| Communion—Number of times administered,..... | | 16 | |
| Offerings—Christmas, for Bishop's Fund,..... | | \$6 65 | |
| Collections—Weekly, for Minister's support,..... | | \$171 16 | |
| For Domestic Missions,..... | | 5 00 | |
| Divine Service—Number of times celebrated,..... | | 190 | |

Some of the above services include a station occasionally visited in the country, which has not been kept up this year. In addition to the above Offerings and Collections, an Organ has been paid for, whose whole cost and expense was about \$400.

The Church is open for Morning Prayers on all Festival, Fast, and Litany days, and every day in Lent. In Holy Week and on the greater Festival and Fast days, and Sundays, it is open for both Morning and Evening Prayers.

The Holy Eucharist is celebrated every Sunday in Lent, and on all days having a Preface as well as their Octaves.

Catechetical lectures displace the second sermon on Sundays. For relaxation, necessary to bodily strength, the Minister was absent ten weeks last summer, with the Bishop's permission. It was thought unnecessary longer to be a burthen to the Domestic Missionary Board, and accordingly the Parish ceased last October to ask further relief from that source, after some six years assistance.

In view of the constant demands which the school makes for enlargement, further building is in process on the lot for its more efficient working.

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, CAHABA.—Rev Geo. F. CUSHMAN, Rector.

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| Baptisms—White, infants,..... | 5 |
| Colored, infants,..... | 7 |
| Confirmations—White,..... | 4 |
| Marriages—Colored,..... | 1 |
| Deaths—White,..... | 2 |
| Communicants—White, added 2, removed 3,..... | Present number, 13 |
| Sunday School—Teachers 3, Scholars, white,..... | 25 |
| Library—Number of Books,..... | 100 |
| Communion—Number of times administered,..... | 2 |
| Offerings at Communion,..... | \$10 |
| Divine Service—Number of times celebrated during the year,..... | 113 |

The Rector of this Parish entered upon its charge about the first of November last. Until the last Sunday in March he officiated upon alternate Sundays, giving the vacant days to his neighboring brethren or to vacant Parishes. Since the 1st of April we have occupied our new Church—an edifice which is an ornament to the Diocese as well as to the Parish, and which owes its existence as well as its form, to the zealous labors of my predecessor the Rev. J. M. MITCHELL. The excess of expenditure above the estimates for the Church has materially increased the calls upon the Parish, which have been pressing and onerous. The Ladies of the Parish, who are deserving of all praise for the zeal they have manifested, have raised by a Supper and solicitations, some \$300, and the Church is now perfect, or nearly so, in all the appointments necessary to the becoming worship of God, with the exception of a bell, which is greatly needed. Under the circumstances, considering the large amount of money required to be raised, it was thought best to premit the canonical collections for this year.

The Rector can speak hopefully of the future prospects of the Parish. The congregation is increasing steadily in numbers and interest, and another year, he trusts, will prove a year of far better spiritual results. He desires gratefully to acknowledge the many acts of kindness and courtesy which, from the beginning, have made him feel that his lines have fallen in pleasant places.

For five months of the year he had charge of Trinity Church, Pawtucket, Massachusetts, and his official acts in that capacity will be reported to the Convention of that Diocese, and he will only say that the erection of a handsome stone Church, costing \$10,000, was, under God, one of the results of his two years absence from Alabama.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, CARLOWVILLE.—Rev. F. B. Lee, Rector.

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| Baptisms—White, infants, | 2 |
| Colored, infants, | 3 |
| Confirmations—White, | 1 |
| Marriages—White, | 8 |
| Deaths—Colored, | 5 |
| Communicants—White, added, 4, | present number, 39 |
| Colored, | " " 3 |
| Sunday School—Teachers, 6, scholars, white, 25, colored, 10, | Total, 35 |
| Library—Number of Books, | 125 |
| Communion—Number of times administered, | 18 |
| Offerings at Communion, | \$22 50 |
| Collections—For Domestic Missions, | 27 15 |
| " Diocesan Missions, | 10 30 |
| Divine Services—Number of times celebrated, | 91 |

I have continued the division of my services between my home Parish and the congregation organized nineteen months ago, in a neighborhood about seven miles distant, preaching at both places on the same days.

The attendance at this station, though not large, is sufficiently good to afford encouragement. And although there is no prospect of establishing an independent Parish, for some years to come, still, I trust that prospective good is accomplished. There is here a flourishing Sunday School, under the management of a few very zealous ladies.

Services (lately interrupted) have been held at the Methodist Meeting House, two and a half miles distant, by request of some members of that Communion, and if still desired will shortly be resumed.

It is but a just tribute to the young ladies of this Parish to mention that we are indebted to their industry and energy for the improvement which our Church Edifice has undergone, and for others which they contemplate.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, TUSCUMBIA.—Rev. R. A. Conna, Rector.

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| Baptisms—White, adults, 6, infants, 6, | Total, 12 |
| Confirmations—White, | 15 |
| Deaths—White, | 4 |
| Communicants—White, added, 13, died, 1, | present number, 26 |
| Sunday School—Teachers, 4, scholars, | 20 |
| Library—Number of Books, | 150 |
| Communion—Number of times administered, | 10 |
| Offerings at Communion, | \$38 25 |
| Collections—For Domestic Missions, | \$30 00 |
| " Foreign Missions, | 17 00 |
| " Diocesan Missions, | 5 00—\$52 00 |
| Divine Service—Number of times celebrated, | 114 |

As may be seen from the foregoing statistics, the condition of this Parish is steadily improving. A considerable portion of our Church debt has been paid off, and the hope is cherished that, by the time of the Bishop's next visitation, the building will be, in all respects, ready for consecration. The Rector would also gratefully acknowledge the many acts of kindness, and of personal good will, which he has experienced from the people of his charge, and by which, no less than by the success of his public labors, his heart has been greatly encouraged.

In addition to the regular services in my own Parish, I have also preached *twenty-two* times in other places, chiefly in North Alabama. I have, also, during the absence of the Rector of Trinity Church, Florence, baptised two infants in private, in Lauderdale county.

CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY, HUNTSVILLE.—Rev. H. C. Lay, Rector.

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| Baptisms—White, adults, 7, (one of whom died and one removed before an opportunity was afforded for receiving the Holy Communion,) infants, 12, | Total, 19 |
| Colored—Infants, | 51 |
| Confirmations—White, 9, colored, 1, | Total, 10 |
| Marriages—White, | 3 |
| Deaths—White, 2, colored, 2, | Total, 4 |
| Communicants—White, last reported, 41, added, 11, suspended, 1, removed, 5, | present number, 47 |
| Colored, added, 1, | " " 1 |
| Sunday School—Teachers, 7, scholars, | 40 |
| Communion—Number of times administered, | 13 |
| Offerings at Communion, | \$ 77 75 |
| Special Thank Offerings, | 110 00 |
| Missionary purposes in North Alabama, | 218 70 |
| Collections—For Convocation Fund, | \$1 85 |
| " Diocesan Missions, | 28 50 |
| " Madison County Bible Society, | 26 70 |
| " Foreign Missions, | 11 00 |
| " Domestic Missions, | 7 00—\$511 00 |
| Divine Service—Number of times celebrated in the Church, | 130 |
| Preached at other places, 16 times, | |

The Rev. J. M. ROBERTSON, resident in this Parish, has continued to it his gratuitous aid. Mr. MORRIS desires to join with me in acknowledging his cheerful and zealous co-operation in our Ministerial endeavors.

I can hardly affirm that the Church has made any decided advance in Huntsville, during the last year. It will be seen, from the above report, that this congregation has done something to build up the Church in the counties around us. It is very respectfully suggested that a little aid from our Southern brethren would give permanency to the very laborious efforts of the Diocesan Missionary in North Alabama. A Church Edifice at Bellefonte and Guntersville, costing, say \$500 each, would greatly promote his efficiency, and with a little assistance from abroad, these could be built during the ensuing summer.

Attendance upon the Convention is regarded by the writer as a duty not lightly to be disregarded. He begs leave to excuse himself to his Bishop and to his brethren, under the plea of extraordinary Parochial engagements.

ST. DAVID'S CHURCH, DALLAS COUNTY.—Rev. R. D. NEVINS, Rector.

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| Baptisms—White, infants, | 1 |
| Colored, adults, 6, infants, 22, | Total, 28 |
| Confirmations—White, 2, colored, 17, | " 19 |
| Marriages—Colored, | 1 |
| Communicants—White, added, 2, | present number, 18 |
| Colored, added, 1, | " " 5 |
| Communion—Number of times administered, | 1 |
| Offerings at Communion, | \$5 45 |
| Collections—For Diocesan and Foreign Missions, | \$48 00 |
| Christmas Offerings, | \$20 00 |
| Divine Service—Number of times celebrated, | 35 |

The above Report relates only to services performed since the 24th of November, 1853, at which time I took charge of the Parish.

UNION PARISH, UNIONTOWN.—Rev. E. C. Munnison, Rector.

Baptisms—White, adults, 2, infants, 2,.....Total, 12
 Colored, infants,.....4
 Confirmations—White,.....11
 Marriages—White, 2, colored, 5,.....Total, 8
 Deaths—White, 2, colored, 2,....." 5
 Communicants—White, added, 12, removed 1,.....present number, 50
 Colored,....." " 6
 Communion—Number of times administered,.....about 12
 Offerings at Communion,.....about \$50 00
 Collections,.....about \$700 00
 Divine Service celebrated twice on Sundays, and Wednesdays and Fridays in
 Lent.

ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH, EUTAW.—Rev. STEPHEN U. SMITH, Rector.

Baptisms—White, 1, infants, 2,.....Total, 3
 Confirmations—White,.....6
 Marriages—White,.....2
 Communicants—White, added, 5, removed, 4,.....present number, 15
 Sunday Schools—Teachers, 4, scholars, white, 12, colored, 11,.....Total, 23
 Library—Number of Books,.....125
 Communion administered twice by the Rev. Mr. Banister, of Greensboro.
 Offerings at Communion,.....\$11 30
 Collections—For Diocesan Missions,.....\$12 50
 Divine Service celebrated three Sundays in the month, morning and evening.

ST. MARK'S CHURCH, FORK OF GREENE COUNTY.

Rev. STEPHEN U. SMITH, Rector.

Communicants—White, added, 2, removed 2,.....present number, 12
 Collections—\$15, given by a friend, half to Diocesan Missions, the other half
 to the Society for Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergy.
 Divine Service celebrated once in each month.
 They are building a Church in this Parish, which I hope may be ready for
 consecration this year. After then the Rector will be able to visit St. Mark's
 once a fortnight.

TRINITY CHURCH, MOBILE.—Rev. J. A. Massey, Rector.

Baptisms—White, adults, 10, infants, 79,.....Total, 89
 Colored, adults, 2, infants, 5,.....Total, 8
 Confirmations—White,.....22
 Marriages—White, 24, colored, 5,.....Total, 29
 Deaths—White, 127, colored, 1,.....Total, 128
 Communicants—White, added, 40, died 5, removed 7, suspended 2,
 present number, 181
 Communion—Besides the usual occasions, administered frequently in private.
 Offerings at Communion,.....\$128
 Divine Service celebrated twice on Sundays, every Wednesday and Friday,
 and on all the Festivals and Fasts.....

The Rector is most thankful to report that the congregation of Trinity
 Parish are now worshipping in their own Church Edifice. It is still unfinished,
 but will be completed as rapidly as circumstances will allow. The congrega-
 tion continues to increase in numbers, and, we hope, in spirituality. The at-
 tendance during the last season has been larger than at any former time, and
 the additions to the Communion larger than during any year since the first of
 the present Rector's incumbency.

A very gratifying and increasing interest in the Church is manifested by the colored people, and the day is very near when a separate Church will be absolutely necessary for them.

The Rector feels it his duty, publicly and humbly, in the midst of his brethren, to declare his devout thankfulness for the preservation of his life during the past year. Although performing an amount of labor unequalled by any two years of his previous Ministry, and continually exposed to the pestilence that was walking in darkness, and the sickness that was destroying in the noon-day, he passed through almost untouched, having been entirely confined to his room only seven days. May the Lord's great goodness lead him to more entire and unwearied devotion to the blessed work of the Ministry.

CHRIST CHURCH, WETUMPKA.

As former Rector of this Parish, under the direction of the Diocesan Missionary Society, the undersigned would present the following report of services.

No official acts were performed, except the celebration of Divine Service on alternate Sundays. These were attended by the people with a growing and encouraging interest, and were sustained by them with a liberality much to be commended.

There are here several families who are attached to the Church's services and order, and will contribute gladly to the support of a Missionary as they are able.

R. D. NEVIUS.

NORTH ALABAMA MISSION.

Rev. THOMAS A. MORRIS, Missionary. Post Office, Guntersville, Ala.

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| Baptisms—White, adults 12, infants 7, | Total, 19 |
| Confirmations—White, | 17 |
| Deaths—White, 4, colored, 1, | Total, 5 |
| Communicants—White, added, 17, died, 1, removed, 2, .. | present number, 26 |
| Colored, removed, 1 | |
| Communion—Number of times administered, | 7 |
| Divine Service—Number of times celebrated, | 133 |

The missionary field is large, and parishes will be organized during the coming year.

CHRIST CHURCH, MOBILE.—Rev. B. B. LEACOCK, Officiating Minister.

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| Baptisms—White, adults, 4, infants, 16, | Total, 20 |
| Confirmations—White, | 16 |
| Marriages—White, | 8 |
| Deaths—White, | 13 |
| Communicants—White, added 19, died 4, removed 23, ... present number, 178 | |
| Colored, removed 2, | “ “ 1 |
| Sunday School—Teachers, 16, scholars, white, | 100 |
| Library—Number of Books, | 200 |
| Communion—Number of times administered, since 1st March, | 4 |
| Offerings at Communion, | “ “ “ \$169 82 |
| Collections—For Diocesan Missions, | “ “ “ \$147 45 |
| Divine Service—Number of times celebrated, “ 12th Feb’y, | 86 |

This Parish has been sorely afflicted during the past year, by the loss of its late much lamented Rector. Since the death of the Rev. Mr. KNAPP, the duties of the Parish have been discharged by the present incumbent, whose services have been secured until the 1st of October.

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, JACKSONVILLE.

Baptisms—White, adults 1, infants 1,.....Total, 2
 Communicants—White, added, 5,.....present number, 14
 Communion—Number of times administered,.....1

This Parish is still vacant. With the exception of a visit, kindly made by Rev. Mr. Gusey, of Rome, Georgia, in February last, who preached, baptised one adult and one infant, and administered the Holy Communion, has not been favored, with the services of the Church during the last year.

JNO. D. HOKE, } Wardens.
 GEO. HOKE, }

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, EUFULA.—Rev. W. J. Egan, Rector.

Baptisms—Adults, 2, infants, 10,.....Total, 12
 Confirmations,6
 Communicants—Added, 7, removed 2, died, 1,.....present number, 25
 Deaths,2
 Marriages—White, 2, colored, 1,.....Total, 3
 Sunday School—Teachers, 5, scholars,.....30

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, MOBILE.—Rev. J. H. Buchanan, Rector.

Baptisms—White, adults, 7, infants, 95,.....Total, 102
 Colored, infants,.....1
 Marriages,1
 Confirmations—In St. John's Church, 38, elsewhere, 2,.....Total, 40
 Communicants—By Confirmation and application,.....72
 Families attached to the Parish,.....58
 Sunday School—Teachers on duty 20, number of scholars on the Books,
 162, greatest number in actual attendance,.....101
 Deaths,5
 Communion—Number of times administered,.....6
 Offerings at Communion,.....\$27 62
 Sunday Collections—By plate, for expenses of Parish,.....\$455 57
 Subscriptions towards the enlargement of St. John's Church,.....\$250 00
 Divine Service—Number of times celebrated on Sundays, 46, Friday
 night services, 18,.....Total, 64

Church Edifice completed in November, 1853. The Rector entered upon his official duties the fourth Sunday in Advent.

During Lent there were daily prayers. On Tuesdays and Thursdays, morning prayers are said throughout the year, besides a sermon every Friday night. Nearly three hundred families have been visited by the Rector as Missionary and Colporteur.

It is gratifying to add that of the eleven Vestrymen elected last Easter Monday, ten are Communicants, and that the Church owes no man anything but love.

OSWEGO, April 22d, 1854.

MY DEAR BISHOP: In accordance with Canonical provision, I hereby submit an abstract of my official acts, from the time of my taking charge of St. David's Church, Dallas county, Alabama, to Easter of this year.

IN ST. DAVID'S CHURCH, DALLAS COUNTY.—Celebrated Morning Service 13 times; administered Communion twice; Catechised 3 times; held Evening Service, for servants, about 7 times; buried 2.

From August 6th, 1853, to April 17th, 1854, read Service 30 times, assisted in Service 44 times, administered Communion 1 time, assisted in administering the Communion 6 times, preached 44 times, catechised 1 time, buried 1, solemnized Matrimony twice, administered private baptism 1 time.

PEYTON GALLAGHER.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, LOWNDES COUNTY.

Rev. J. B. RAMDELL, Rector.

Communicants.....present number, 8
Communion—Number of times administered.....2
Divine Service—Number of times celebrated.....13

I arrived in this Parish in December last, and commenced officiating in St. Peter's Church on Christmas day. Service is held at Benton once every Sunday, and twice a month each, at Hayneville and Lowndesboro'. I have officiated at these last three places, *thirteen* times in all.

ST. PAUL'S PARISH, SELMA.—Rev. WM. H. PLATT, Rector.

Baptisms—White, adults, 6, infants, 9,.....Total, 15
Colored, adults,.....1
Confirmations—White,.....8
Marriages—White,.....4
Deaths—White,.....12
Communicants—Died 4,.....present number, 29

The Rector's report is necessarily imperfect, from the irregularity with which, for a portion of the time, his Register was kept. During the epidemic he made no entries in it, and was afterwards unable to bring it up satisfactorily. Since his former Report, God has seen good to take from him four valuable Communicants: three of them were efficient Vestrymen; but we derive large comfort in the conviction that whom God chastens He loves.

The Church Edifice has been extended twenty feet since the session of the last Convention, and is now a commodious and comfortable place for worship.

On motion, *Resolved*, That a Committee of three be appointed to nominate members of the Standing Committee.

Rev. Messrs. HANSON and MASSEY and Mr. A. W. ELLERBE, were appointed said Committee.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Rules of Order be suspended, that the Convention might proceed to miscellaneous business.

The Treasurer presented his accounts—Referred to the Committee on Finance.

An application for relief was presented and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Messrs. PIERCE, ELLERBE and ALISON were elected Trustees of the Bishop's Fund.

The Committee on Unfinished Business made the following Report:

The Committee on Unfinished Business respectfully report that they have attended to the duty assigned to them, and find nothing in the last Journal requiring the attention of this Convention, except it be the Report of the Committee upon the Ecclesiastical Statutes of the State of Alabama.

GEO. F. CUSHMAN, Chairman,
W. A. STICKNEY.

May 12, 1854.

Notice was given that on to-morrow an amendment would be offered to the 3d Article of Canon 1, adding the words "Communicants of the Church" thereto, after the words Holy Scriptures.

The Convention took a recess for Divine Service.

After recess the Bishop read his Annual Address.

BISHOP'S ADDRESS.

In compliance with the Canons, I herewith lay before the Convention of the Diocese, my Annual Report of my official acts during the last year.

May 12th, 13th, 14th and 15th, 1852.—Attended the Annual Convention of the Diocese, and was much gratified at the general prevalence of peace and harmony, as also with the many evidences of the increasing prosperity of the Diocese. On Whitsunday, I preached in the morning and administered the Holy Communion, assisted by the Rev. Messrs. Hanson and Lea. I also baptised two adults privately. In the afternoon, I baptised an adult and an infant, and confirmed three persons. I was greatly encouraged to see a number of families from different Counties attending the Convention, and manifesting a lively interest in the exercises of the occasion.

Trinity Sunday.—Visited St. Peter's Church, Lowndes county, preached and administered the Communion, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Ellis. This Parish was at that time vacant, but is now supplied by the Rev. Mr. Ramadell.

May 26th.—Confirmed, in Montgomery, two sick persons in private: both of them colored persons.

First Sunday after Trinity.—Attended Church in Montgomery, and assisted in the services.

Second Sunday after Trinity.—In the morning, preached in St. John's Church, Montgomery, and administered the Communion, and in the afternoon catechised the children.

June 8th.—Baptised an infant.

Third Sunday after Trinity.—Read prayers and preached twice in St. John's Church, Montgomery.

June 14th.—Visited Mt. Meigs and preached.

Fourth Sunday after Trinity.—Read prayers and preached twice in St. John's Church, Montgomery.

June 25th.—Baptised two infants in St. John's Church, Montgomery.

Fifth Sunday after Trinity.—Read prayers and preached twice in St. John's Church, Montgomery.

Sixth Sunday after Trinity.—Read prayers, preached twice and administered the Holy Communion in St. John's Church, Montgomery.

July 7th.—Admitted to the Priesthood the Rev. W. H. Platt, in St. Paul's Church, Selma. Morning prayers were said by the Rev. J. M. Banister, and the candidate was presented by the Rev. J. M. Mitchell. The sermon was preached by myself.

Seventh Sunday after Trinity.—Read prayers and preached twice in St. John's Church, Montgomery.

July 14.—Read the Burial Service over the body of a colored member of the Church.

July 15.—Baptised an infant.

Eighth Sunday after Trinity.—Read prayers and preached twice in St. John's Church, Montgomery.

July 18.—Baptised an infant.

Ninth Sunday after Trinity.—Read prayers and preached twice in St. John's Church, Montgomery.

Tenth Sunday after Trinity.—Read prayers and preached twice in St. John's Church, Montgomery. Also baptised an infant.

August 5th.—Read the Burial Service over the body of an aged member of the Church.

Eleventh Sunday after Trinity.—Administered the Holy Communion, after a sermon by the Rev. Mr. McCoy, and in the afternoon catechised the children.

August 8th.—Buried an infant.

August 9th.—Preached at Mt. Meigs, baptised three adults, confirmed three persons, and administered the Holy Communion.

August 18th.—Preached at the house of Mr. Edward Taylor, to his negroes, who, neatly dressed, were assembled for public worship. Mr. Taylor manifests a proper Christian solicitude for the spiritual improvement of his servants. And I would remark that I know of no wider field of usefulness for the Church than is presented on the plantations of Alabama. Multitudes of the planters would cheerfully and liberally contribute to the support of Clergymen, who would preach to the negroes on their estates. It is very gratifying to witness an increasing sensibility on this subject amongst the planters in the South. I could at this time give employment to a number of Clergymen in this very interesting field, if they could be obtained.

Twelfth Sunday after Trinity.—Read prayers and preached twice in St. John's Church, Montgomery.

August 17th, 18th and 19th.—Preached several times in St. Paul's Church, Greensboro', and confirmed twelve persons. I found the Parish in an encouraging condition. In the afternoon of the 19th I went ten miles into the country to confirm a sick young lady.

August 20th.—Visited St. Michael's Church, Marengo county, and preached in the new Church, though in an unfinished state. This Church will probably be completed in the course of the ensuing summer.

Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity.—Visited Woodville and preached a number of times, and confirmed nine persons, and amongst them Mr. S. R. Wright, late a Presbyterian Clergyman. I have never seen this Parish in a more flourishing condition, notwithstanding heavy losses, both by deaths and removals. I was gratified to find that their Church building will soon be handsomely finished.

August 24th.—St. Bartholemew's Day.—Preached in the morning in St. David's Church, Dallas county, and in the afternoon preached to a congregation of colored persons, and confirmed one colored person. This small, but interesting Parish was at this time vacant, but is now happily supplied by the Rev. R. D. Nevins.

Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity.—Attended Church in St. John's, Montgomery, and read prayers in the morning and afternoon. I was much gratified to hear a Sermon from my esteemed brother, Bishop Green, who was kind enough to preach on both occasions.

August 31st.—Confirmed one person in St. John's Church, Montgomery.

September 2d.—Baptised an adult and three children in St. John's Church, Montgomery.

Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity.—Read prayers and preached twice in St. John's Church, Montgomery, and administered the Holy Communion.

Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity.—Read prayers and preached in St. John's Church, Montgomery, and in the afternoon officiated at a funeral.

September 16th.—Officiated at a funeral.

Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity.—Read prayers and preached twice in St. John's Church, Montgomery.

September 19th.—Officiated at the funeral of an infant.

Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity.—Read prayers and preached twice in St. John's Church, Montgomery.

September 27th.—Officiated at a funeral.

September 30th.—Officiated at a funeral.

Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity.—Read prayers and preached in the morning and afternoon in St. John's Church, Montgomery.

October 2d.—Left home to attend the session of the General Convention in New York. Of this General Convention, I will remark that it was a most interesting one. It was characterized throughout by an unusual degree of unanimity and fraternal love. There seemed to be, in a great degree, the absence of party spirit. The presence of two Bishops of the Church of England, and of the Delegation of the Venerable Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, added greatly to the interest of the occasion. Amongst many important measures adopted by the Convention, one was the appointment of two Missionary Bishops for California, and Oregon and Washington Territories. During the Convention it was my great pleasure to be one of the Presenters of Dr. Atkinson, Bishop elect of North Carolina, who, together with the Rev. Dr. Davis, the worthy Bishop elect of South Carolina, was admitted to the Episcopate. Bishop Atkinson was an old and intimate and much loved friend, with whom I had often taken sweet counsel when laboring in Parishes, side by side, in Virginia. It was truly gratifying to see him placed in a position in which I cannot but believe the great blessing of God will rest upon his labors. The consecration of these beloved brethren was one of the most interesting events I have ever witnessed. A noble sermon was preached by the Bishop of Fredericksburg. Almost all the Bishops of the American Church were present. The Clerical and Lay Deputies of the General Convention were in attendance; a large number of the Clergy from all parts of the Union was drawn together on the occasion, and in the dense congregation that crowded in the house of God, there was an amount of intelligence and piety, and moral worth and moral influence not often to be found in this country.

Twentieth Sunday after Trinity.—Visited Perth Amboy, New-Jersey, and preached twice for my esteemed young friend, the Rev. H. L. M. Pratt. My visit to this brother and his amiable family was peculiarly gratifying to me, from the fact that Mr. Pratt had been brought into the Church and had been ordained by me in the early part of my Episcopate.

Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity.—Visited some esteemed friends in Newark, New-Jersey, and in the morning preached in Trinity Church, and in the afternoon rode to Elizabethtown and preached in the Church of the Rev.

R. C. Moore. It was a great pleasure to me thus to meet with the son of the late venerable Bishop Moore, of Virginia, by whom I had been confirmed and ordained Deacon and Priest, and whose memory will be most gratefully cherished by me as long as life shall last.

Twenty-second Sunday after Trinity.—Preached in the morning in St. Mark's Church, Brooklyn, and in the afternoon in St. Bartholomew's Church, New-York.

Twenty-third Sunday after Trinity.—Spent this day in Charleston, on my way home, and attended Divine Service in St. Michael's Church.

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Trinity.—Confined to my bed by sickness.

Twenty-fifth Sunday after Trinity.—Preached twice in St. John's Church, Montgomery.

Twenty-sixth Sunday after Trinity.—Visited Eufaula, preached a number of times, baptised three adults and one infant, administered the Holy Communion, assisted by the Rector, and confirmed six persons.

November 25th.—Attended Church in St. John's, Montgomery, and assisted in the services on occasion of Thanksgiving appointed by the Governor.

First Sunday in Advent.—Preached in the morning and afternoon, in St. John's Church, Montgomery.

Second Sunday in Advent.—Preached in St. John's Church, Montgomery, and administered the Holy Communion.

Third Sunday in Advent.—Preached in St. John's Church, Montgomery.

December 18th.—Visited Mt. Meigs, read prayers and preached.

Fourth Sunday in Advent.—Preached in St. John's Church, Montgomery.

Christmas Day.—Preached in St. John's Church, Montgomery, and administered the Holy Communion.

January 5th, 1854.—Went to St. John's in the Wilderness, but in consequence of detention on the Rail Road, failed to reach the Church in time for my appointment. I regret that this Parish is without a Clergyman. On one of the Plantations in the neighborhood, there is a Chapel and an interesting congregation of colored people.

First Sunday after Epiphany.—Visited Savannah, Georgia, in compliance with an appointment of the Presiding Bishop, and took part in the Consecration of the Rev. T. F. Scott, Missionary Bishop elect of Oregon and Washington Territories. The Sermon was preached by myself. It was an occasion of deep interest, and many earnest prayers were offered up in behalf of that worthy brother about to go forth to that far distant and arduous field of labor.

Second Sunday after Epiphany.—Spent this day in Selma. Preached in St. Paul's Church in the morning, and in the evening, after a Sermon by the Rev. Mr. Oushman, confirmed five persons. I was much gratified to find the Church enlarged and handsomely improved.

January 17th.—Visited Marion, preached in St. Wilfrid's Church, and confirmed eight persons. I found the excellent School, conducted by the indefatigable Rector, in a flourishing condition. I am well persuaded that from this School there will go forth an influence that in time will be felt for the good of the Church throughout the Diocese. It is truly refreshing to the heart of a Christian parent, to witness the reverence and devotion of the body

of that School during the worship of the Church. I wish it was in the power of the Rector to accommodate ten times as many as he now instructs, for in that event I am sure we should, in a few years, have a noble band of zealous Clergymen, fitted and trained to do good service in the cause of Christ and his Church.

Third Sunday after Epiphany.—Visited Tuscaloosa, spent several days, preached a number of times, baptised an infant and confirmed seven persons, of whom one was colored.

January 27th and 28th.—Visited Butler, the county seat of Choctaw county, preached and confirmed five persons.

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany.—Preached at Pushmataha in the morning and confirmed one person, and in the afternoon preached to an interesting congregation of colored people on the plantation of Mr. Raffin. On Monday morning preached again at Pushmataha. There is an encouraging field for the Church in this part of Choctaw county.

Purification of the Virgin Mary.—Spent this and the following day at Santerville, preached three times and confirmed one person. A little band of Churchmen here have fitted up a small but convenient Chapel in which services are held.

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany.—Spent this day and the preceding Saturday in Livingston, preached three times and confirmed five persons.

February 7th.—Visited Eutaw, preached twice, baptised an adult and confirmed five persons. I was glad to learn that there is a Church in progress of erection in St. Mark's Parish, Greene county, in which the Rev. Mr. Smith labors in connection with Eutaw.

Septuagesima Sunday.—Preached twice in St. John's Church, Montgomery.

Sextagesima Sunday.—Visited Huntsville, preached a number of times and confirmed eight persons.

February 27th.—Preached in St. Mark's Chapel, Limestone county, and confirmed three persons. This is one of the Missionary stations of the Rev. Mr. Morris.

February 28th.—Preached in a small Meeting House, twelve miles from Huntsville, in Madison county, and confirmed one person. In this retired neighborhood a little congregation is forming by the exertions of one of the most devoted daughters of the Church who, with a zeal that I have hardly ever seen equalled, is nobly struggling with difficulties and discouragements that to persons of weaker faith would seem unsurmountable. It is but seldom that my sympathies are so deeply interested as they were in witnessing the spirit and earnestness of that amiable Christian lady, the worthy daughter of a worthy Clergyman.

Ash Wednesday.—Visited Athens, the County town of Limestone county, and preached in the Methodist Church, to an attentive congregation. I would here express my obligations to the Hon. D. Coleman, for the kind hospitality extended to me by himself and his interesting Christian family. I have but seldom made a visit to any family that was more gratifying to my feelings.

First Sunday in Lent.—Visited Florence, preached, baptised three children and confirmed two persons.

In the afternoon of the same day went to Tusculum and preached; and again on Monday. During this visit I baptised two adults and confirmed fifteen persons.

March 8th.—Passed through Decatur, but held no service for the want of a convenient place in which to officiate.

March 9th.—Returned to Huntsville, preached and confirmed one person.

March 10th and 11th.—Visited Guntersville, preached a number of times, and confirmed six persons. This is a new and encouraging field occupied by the Missionary, the Rev. Mr. Morris. I was here kindly entertained by Judge Wyatt and his interesting family, who, though members of a different communion, take a lively interest in the services of our faithful Missionary. Judge Wyatt generously offers to give a lot in the town for the erection of a Church.

Second Sunday in Lent.—Went to Bellefonte, preached a number of times and confirmed eight persons.

March 17th.—Baptised three children in St. John's Church, Montgomery.

Third Sunday in Lent.—Preached morning and afternoon in St. John's Church, Montgomery.

Fourth Sunday in Lent.—Visited Mobile, and in the morning preached in Christ Church, and confirmed sixteen persons.

Although I found the congregation in a flourishing condition, yet the pleasure of my visit was greatly marred by no longer meeting with my old and beloved friend, the Rev. N. P. Knapp, who had been very recently smitten down by the hand of death in the midst of the years of his usefulness. In the death of Mr. Knapp, not only the congregation of Christ Church, but the Diocese of Alabama, has sustained a heavy loss. He was one of the earliest Clergymen who had settled in the State. He had, in a measure, grown up with the Diocese, and had contributed not a little to the moulding of its character. He was a sound, well balanced Theologian, a thoroughly conservative Churchman, and a most faithful, practical and evangelical Preacher. Though remarkable for kindness and gentleness, and a uniform disposition to yield and oblige, yet in the Pulpit he always seemed to feel the solemn sanctions of his office, and he was therefore uncompromising in his enunciation of the truths of the Gospel, and bold and fearless in his condemnation of vice. From the commencement of my Episcopate, he gave me his kindly support, and I feel that I have lost a true and faithful friend, to whom I looked for sympathy and counsel, and with whom my intercourse had been uniformly pleasant and harmonious. After a life so faithful, so devoted, so consistent, and so useful, he has entered into his rest, and has left behind to his amiable family a name and a memory which may well be cherished as an invaluable legacy.

In the afternoon of the Fourth Sunday in Lent, I consecrated a new and very neat and beautiful Church, by the name of St. John's. This Church has been erected mainly by the liberality of three individuals, and good cause have they to be gratified with the result of their labors. A large and flourishing congregation has already been gathered by the zealous and indefatigable labors of the Rev. J. H. Ingraham, whose services were fortunately secur-

ed by the Vestry of the new Parish, and whom I was much gratified to receive into the Diocese. Although the Church has been in use only a few months, it has been found necessary to enlarge it in order to accommodate the crowds that attend.

Fifth Sunday in Lent.—Preached in St. John's Church in the morning and confirmed thirty-eight persons, having previously confirmed one in private. In the afternoon of the same day, preached in Trinity Church, and confirmed twenty-six persons, having previously confirmed two others belonging to this Parish. Trinity Church is yet incomplete, but when finished it will be one of the most beautiful Churches in the Diocese. During this visit to Mobile, I also baptized two infants.

Saturday and Sunday before Easter.—Preached in St. Andrew's Church, Prairieville, and confirmed one person. There is here a neat and beautiful Church, which is now nearly completed, and which will be an ornament to the neighborhood. In the afternoon of Sunday, preached in Trinity Church, Demopolis, and catechised the children. On Monday morning, I preached again, and on Tuesday morning preached in St. Andrew's Church, Prairieville. It is with great pleasure I am authorised to state that Mr. James Dubose, of this Parish, has generously determined to give to this Parish and to the Parish of St. David's, Dallas county, respectively, eighty acres of land for the purposes of a Rectory.

Good Friday.—Preached in St. John's Church, Montgomery.

Easter Sunday.—Preached in St. John's Church, Montgomery, and administered the Holy Communion.

First Sunday after Easter.—Preached in St. John's Church, Montgomery, in the morning and afternoon.

Second Sunday after Easter.—Preached in St. John's Church, Montgomery, in the morning and afternoon. Also baptised three children.

May 3d.—Baptised an infant and confirmed two persons in St. John's Church, Montgomery.

May 4th.—Preached in St. Peter's Church, Lowndes county, and administered the Holy Communion. In the evening of the same day, preached in Benton.

May 5th.—Read prayers, preached and confirmed four persons in St. Luke's Church, Cahaba. This is a new and very beautiful Church, and one highly creditable to the taste and zeal and liberality of the congregation.

Third Sunday after Easter.—Preached in St. David's Church, Dallas county, and confirmed two persons. In the afternoon preached to a crowded congregation of colored persons, and confirmed sixteen of them. In all my ministerial life, I have but seldom been more gratified than on this occasion, when I beheld before me a large, attentive and devout congregation of colored persons, eagerly listening to the preaching of the word. As their voices, in deeply touching tones, rose in the Hymns and Psalms and Chants of the Church, my whole soul was moved and stirred within me, and I felt that it was a privilege to carry the Gospel to the poor. In this Parish a Sunday School for the colored persons has for many years been taught by Mrs. Pegues and her estimable daughters, who with untiring zeal and long suffering pa-

tience, have persevered in their work and labor of love, and who have thus effectually aided the Clergyman of the Parish, whose habit always has been to preach to the colored people in the afternoon of each Sunday. The fruit of all these most commendable Christian efforts are now beginning to appear, and I am persuaded that it will be seen and admitted that no where is there presented to the Church a wider or more promising field for usefulness than among the African race.

May 9th.—Preached in Woodville and admitted to the order of Deacons, Mr. Stephen R. Wright, late a Presbyterian Clergyman. Prayers were said by the Rev. Messrs. Hanson and Nevius. The candidate was presented by the Rev. E. C. Murdaugh. The sermon was preached by myself. I also confirmed two persons and baptised a colored infant. I was gratified to see the Church here in the progress of enlargement and completion, and was particularly pleased to learn that a number of the Parishioners had generously taken measures to secure to their Rector a Life Insurance to the amount of \$5000. Such evidences of kindly interest in the welfare of a Rector on the part of a congregation, are truly gratifying and encouraging, and I know of no way in which a congregation can with so little cost to itself confer a more substantial benefit upon a Rector than by securing to him a Policy of Life Insurance. I would earnestly recommend the subject to the Parishes of the Diocese with the earnest hope that other Clergymen in the Diocese may in like manner be provided for.

May 11th.—Came to Carlowville to attend the Annual Convention of the Diocese, and at night confirmed one person.

Besides the services which I have enumerated in the above report, I may add that on almost every occasion of Confirmation, I have delivered addresses, and that when in Montgomery, I uniformly attended on the services of the Church, on Wednesdays and Fridays, and on the Saint's days.

The summary of my labors during the past year is as follows:

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| Baptisms—Adults, | 14 | Confirmations, | 223 |
| “ Infants, | 25 | Sermons, | 130 |
| Funerals, | 8 | Ordinations, | 2 |
| Marriages, | 3 | Communion, | 18 |

I have thus been enabled, by the good Providence of God, to visit almost every portion of the Diocese in which there is an organized Parish, and although it is with us the day of small things, yet there are sufficient signs of encouragement to cheer us onward to perseverance. As a whole the Diocese is steadily advancing in all the elements of permanent and substantial strength.

I am gratified to inform the Convention that at the last session of the Legislature of Alabama, an Act was passed incorporating the Society for the relief of the Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen. The claims of this Society on the sympathies of the Diocese are so obvious and so urgent as to make it unnecessary for me to say a word in their behalf.

The Clerical changes that have taken place in the Diocese are as follows: the Rev. M. F. Maury has been transferred to the Diocese of Kentucky; the Rev. J. H. Morrison and the Rev. R. B. Sutton to the Diocese of Maryland.

The Rev. J. H. Ingraham has been received from the Diocese of Mississippi; the Rev. J. B. Ramsdell from that of Indiana. The Rev. Peyton Gallagher is residing in Western New-York. The Rev. S. R. Wright has been ordained, and the Rev. Mr. Leacock, though not as yet canonically transferred to the Diocese, is now in charge of Christ Church, Mobile.

In regard to the Rev. J. H. Morrison, who has been transferred to Maryland, I trust it will not seem invidious in me to say that he was a brother whom I had long known and most highly esteemed. In every respect he had my fullest confidence; and though his removal has been a painful loss, yet he carries with him, to his new field of labor, my warmest sympathies and my sincere prayers.

In adverting to the changes that have occurred in the Diocese, it is my painful duty to mention that, besides the Rev. Mr. Knapp, whose death has already been mentioned, that one other faithful brother, the Rev. D. D. Flower, has been snatched away in the midst of his usefulness. He was canonically connected with this Diocese, though residing in Pensacola, in which city he was faithfully laboring, when he was stricken down by that fearful epidemic that swept over our Southern cities last fall. He was truly an humble, faithful, devoted man—adorning the doctrine of his Lord and Master by a holy walk and conversation. His christian character was consistent and lovely in an eminent degree.

The present number of our Candidates for Holy Orders is three—Messrs. F. A. P. Barnard, Anastasius Mensses and George W. Stickney. One of our candidates, Mr. Roscoe Peck, was recently cut down by death, in the dawn of his promise of usefulness. In the death of this most estimable young man a serious loss has befallen the Diocese, and a crushing blow has been inflicted on one of the most estimable and devoted Church families in the Diocese.

N. H. COBBS,

Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Alabama.

On motion, that portion of the Bishop's Address alluding to the deaths of the Rev. Messrs. KNAPP and FLOWER, was referred to a Committee of three Clergymen.

Rev. Messrs. HANSON, LEE and JOHNSON, were appointed said Committee.

The Committee to nominate members of the Standing Committee, recommended Rev. Messrs. MASSEY, MITCHELL and CUSHMAN, of the Clergy, and Messrs. LESSENE, J. JOHNSON, and CONLEY, of the Laity.

On motion, the Rules of Order were suspended, requiring the election by ballot, and the above named gentlemen were elected *viva voce*.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the next Convention be holden in St. Paul's Church, Greensboro', on the second Thursday in May, 1855.

On motion, the Convention adjourned until 8½ A. M. to-morrow.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, CARLOWVILLE, }
Saturday, 8½ o'clock, A. M. }

Convention met pursuant to adjournment. After prayer by the President, the roll being called, the minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and approved.

Certificate of Election was presented from St. Paul's Church, Selma, and referred to the Committee on Certificates.

The Committee on Certificates of Election having examined the same, reported it in due form, and the following gentlemen entitled to seats.

St. Paul's Church, Selma.—Wm. Waddill, Jr., C. D. Parke, B. B. Hotchkiss and N. Curtis.

Whereupon Messrs. WADDILL, PARKE, HOTCHKISS and CURTIS appeared and took their seats.

The Committee to whom was referred that portion of the Bishop's Address alluding to the death of the Rev. Messrs. KNAPP and FLOWER, made the following report:

WHEREAS, Since the meeting of our last Convention, it has pleased our Heavenly Father to remove from the scene of their earthly labors, our brethren, the Rev. DAVID D. FLOWER, and the Rev. NATHANIEL P. KNAPP, therefore

Resolved, That while we bow in humble and reverent submission to the will of an all-wise and merciful God, we deeply lament their departure, as a loss to ourselves personally, as well as to the whole Church.

Resolved, That we will ever cherish their memories as truly sincere and conscientious Christians, as sound and devoted Churchmen, and as Ministers of the Cross who, faithful to their high and holy calling, counted not their lives dear unto themselves that so they might finish their course with joy; and the Ministry which they had received of the Lord Jesus to testify the Gospel of the Grace of God. In the death of the Rev. Mr. KNAPP, in particular, the Diocese of Alabama laments the loss of one of its oldest and most efficient Presbyters, to whose earnest, persevering and pains-taking labors in the earlier years of its history, a very large measure of its present prosperity is, under God, undoubtedly owing.

Resolved, That the Secretary of this Convention be directed to send a copy of this preamble and resolutions to the families of the deceased.

On motion, the report was received.

On motion, the report and accompanying resolutions were adopted.

The Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Diocesan Missionary Society, made the following report:

The undersigned, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Diocesan Missionary Society, would report to the Convention that the following Clergymen have been in the employment of the Society last year, viz: The Rev. THOS. A. MORAN, whose labors have extended through the counties of Limestone, Marshall and Jackson, and who is building up permanent congregations in Gunter'sville and Bellefonte. The Rev. R. D. NEVILL, who preached in Wetumpka, till last fall, when he ceased to be a Missionary, and removed to the Parish of St. David's; and the Rev. T. B. RAMADELL, who officiates in St. Peter's Church, Lowndes county, in Benton, and, at intervals, in Lowndesboro' and Hayneville. A Missionary is greatly needed to travel through

the entire extent of the Diocese, to visit the Church families, who are scattered throughout the State. The present state of the funds will be exhibited in the Report of the Treasurer.

N. H. COBB, Chairman.

On motion, the Convention proceeded to the election of the Executive Committee of the Diocesan Missionary Society.

Rev. Messrs. LEE, MASSEY and CUSHMAN of the Clergy, and Messrs. ELLENB and CONLEY of the Laity, were elected.

T. W. McCoy was nominated and elected Treasurer of the Diocesan Missionary Society.

The Committee appointed to prepare a form of Parochial Reports, made the following report:

FORM OF PAROCHIAL REPORT.

| Parish. | Rector. | Date. |
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| Baptisms—White, adults, —; infants, —;..... | Total, | — |
| " Colored, adults, —; infants, —;..... | " | — |
| Confirmations—White, —; colored, —;..... | " | — |
| Marrriages—White, —; colored, —;..... | " | — |
| Deaths—White, —; colored, —;..... | " | — |
| Communicants—White, at the last Report, —;..... | present number, | — |
| " Colored, at the last Report, —;..... | " | — |
| Sunday School—Teachers, —; scholars, white, —; colored, —;..... | Total, | — |
| Library Books,..... | | — |
| Communion administered,..... | | — |
| Communion Offerings,..... | | — |
| Missionary Collections—Diocesan,..... | | — |
| " " Domestic,..... | | — |
| " " Foreign,..... | | — |
| " " For Parochial Schools,..... | | — |
| " " Church purposes, generally,..... | | — |
| Time spent in the Parish in the performance of its regular duties, since last Report,..... | — months. | |

REMARKS.

On motion the report was received.

On motion the Form of Parochial Reports was adopted.

The Committee on the state of the Church made the following report :

The Committee on the state of the Church have examined with much pleasure the Parochial Reports and documents submitted to them, and find in them evidence of the steady growth and progress of the Church in the Diocese. In an especial manner they have been gratified with the large increase in the number of persons confirmed.

The Committee desire to call the especial attention of the Parishes to the great importance of completing the measures already taken to increase the Permanent Episcopal Fund. The several Parishes would thereby be relieved of the burden of the annual assessments, and great good would accrue to them and to the Diocese at large. With the growth of the Church her resources have increased, and the Committee deem this object one worthy of efficient and vigorous action. They earnestly recommend it to the pious liberality of the Church.

Until such efficient action shall have been taken, the Committee do not deem it amiss to call the attention of the Parishes to the necessity and importance of the prompt payment of the annual assessments. Hitherto it has been

the wise rule of the Diocese to "owe no man anything, but to love one another," a rule which will continue to be Apostolic and Catholic so long as the world shall stand. "We speak as unto wise men."

In this connection, the Committee would also press the claims of the Diocesan Missionary Society, as the especial auxiliary to the Bishop in his arduous and indefatigable labors. As time rolls on we must look more and more to ourselves and less abroad for the support of our own missionaries. While we would not diminish the stream of our charity in other directions, we would gladly see that branch of it which waters our own portion of the vineyard largely increased. Another year should bring a contribution to this object from every Parish and Missionary station in the Diocese.

The Committee respond with unfeigned satisfaction to the repeated suggestions of our revered Bishop in regard to the religious instruction of our colored population. Here is a vast and, as experience shows, an encouraging field ready to be entered into and wrought. They know of no labors which, while they bring their own reward in their direct results, would at the same time do so much to gain for the Church moral influence and power. It is the especial mark of the Church that "the poor have the Gospel preached to them," and our colored people are emphatically our poor. When the Church is so generally arousing to a sense of her high vocation in this particular, they trust that the Clergy and Laity of this Diocese will not be wanting. The colored people should be regarded as an important part of every Clergyman's cure.

The Committee would also say that if the Parishes would *practically* accord with the Bishop in regard to the importance of provision for the families of the Clergy, in case of their death, it would, under God, do something towards diminishing the great dearth of Ministers from which the Church suffers. They know of no more appropriate Christmas, or Easter, or Whitsuntide gift to a Minister than a Policy of Life Insurance. It would gladden their hearts and strengthen their hands.

The Diocesan Society for the relief of disabled Clergymen and of the Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen, in the judgment of the Committee, presents very strong claims upon the Clergy and Laity of the Diocese, and they would gladly see its numbers and its means greatly enlarged.

The Committee cannot close their report without alluding to the untimely deaths of their fellow laborers in the Lord, the Rev. N. P. KNAPP and the Rev. D. D. FLOWER. The former was, for many years, Chairman of the Committee on the state of the Church, the latter was one of its members. They both have left us the memory of their Christian example, and the consolation of knowing that "blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

The Committee trust that the considerations which they have presented will not fall in vain upon the mind and heart of the Church, but that, using the strength and means which God has given her, she may "lengthen her cords and strengthen her stakes," until she becomes "the joy of the whole earth." All of which is respectfully submitted.

F. R. HANSON, Chairman.

Report adopted.

The Trustees of the Bishop's Fund made the following report :

The acting Trustees of the Bishop's Fund submit the following report—

By reference to the report made at the last Convention, it will be seen that the Permanent Fund amounted to \$2019 95, since which time the following Christmas offerings have been received: Christ Church, Tuscaloosa, \$17 38; St. John's Church, Montgomery, \$25 00; St. Wilfrid's Church, \$6 65; St. David's Church, \$20 00, which sums, with interest on the amount reported at the last Convention, and some other small contributions, now make the amount of the Permanent Fund \$2233 84, after paying over to Tuscaloosa

Parish \$40 00, as instructed by a resolution of a former Convention. There is now in the hands of the Trustees, the sum of \$202 86, ready for re-investment.

SPECIAL FUND.

By the last report this Fund amounted to the sum of \$10,979 75, which has this year been increased only by \$50, received from the Agent, being the contribution of Mrs. Mary Hood, of Florence. Several hundred dollars of the principal sum have been collected by the Trustees, and immediately re-invested, leaving in their hands at this time only the sum of \$50 for re-investment.

All the Notes held by the Trustees are ready for the inspection of the Convention, and the Trustees would be glad of any information from any member of the Convention, as regards the solvency of the parties to these Notes.

As regards the increase of these Funds, as at present arranged, it must necessarily be small. The permanent fund, it is true, is gradually increasing by the addition of the annual interest. And were proper regard paid to a resolution which has been standing on the records of our Convention since 1849, it might be increased much faster. By this resolution, the Clergymen, in their respective Parishes, are requested to take up a collection on each Christmas day, for the benefit of the Bishop's Fund, which collections are known as Christmas Offerings. But, with few exceptions, this request seems to have been entirely overlooked or neglected. The interest on the Special Fund being annually appropriated to the payment of the Bishop's salary, this Fund can only increase by contributions received through the Agent. In view of this fact, it being very desirable, for many reasons, that the fund be raised to an amount, the interest upon which will be sufficient to pay the Bishop's salary, the Trustees have taken the liberty of recommending the following resolution:

Resolved, That one of the Clergy, to be selected by the Convention, be requested to visit the different parts of the Diocese, as it may suit his convenience, and urge the claims of this fund on the members of the Church.

On motion, the report was accepted.

On motion, the accompanying resolution was adopted.

On motion, the Convention filled the blank in said resolution, with the name of the Rev. H. C. LAY.

The mover of the proposed amendment to the 3d Article of Canon 1, requested permission to withdraw said amendment. Permission granted.

The President retired and the Rev. Mr. LEE took the chair.

The Committee on Finance made the following report:

The Committee on Finance have examined the Treasurer's accounts, and find them correct.

Rt. Rev. N. H. COBBS, D. D.

In account with the DIOCESE OF ALABAMA.

| | | | |
|--------------------------------|---------|---------|----|
| 1853.—May 14.—By Balance,..... | \$ | 59 | 20 |
| " " By Salary,..... | | 2,250 | 00 |
| " " To Cash,..... | \$2,149 | 50 | |
| August 23.—To Cash,..... | | 125 | 00 |
| 1854.—April 27.—To Cash,..... | | 25 | 00 |
| Balance,..... | | 9 | 70 |
| <hr/> | | | |
| | | \$2,309 | 20 |
| | | \$2,309 | 20 |

BISHOP'S FUND in account with H. A. TAYLOR, Treasurer.

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|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|------------|
| 1853.—May 14.—By amount received at Convention, see abstract of 1852,..... | | \$2,094 50 |
| “ St. Luke's Church, Cahaba, assess- ment of 1852,..... | | 50 00 |
| “ St. Mark's Church, Greene county, assessment of 1852,..... | | 4 00 |
| “ St. John's Church, Tuscumbia, over paid,..... | | 1 00 |
| May 14.—To Cash paid Rt. Rev. N. H. Cobbs, .. | \$2,149 50 | |
| August 23.—By Union Parish,..... | | 125 00 |
| “ “ —To Cash paid Rt. Rev. N. H. Cobbs, .. | 125 00 | |
| 1854.—April 27.—“ “ “ “ “ “ | 25 00 | |
| “ “ —By Trinity Church, Florence,..... | | 25 00 |
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| | \$2,299 50 | \$2,299 50 |

CONTINGENT FUND, in account with H. A. TAYLOR, Treasurer.

| | | |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| 1853.—May 1.—To Balance,..... | \$ 6 24 | |
| “ 14.—By amount received at Convention, see abstract of 1852,..... | | \$102 32 |
| “ St. Paul's Church, Carlowville, 1852, | | 2 50 |
| “ St. Luke's Church, Cahaba, 1852,.... | | 2 50 |
| “ St. John's Church, Tuscumbia, 1852,. | | 1 25 |
| August 29.—To Cash paid Benjamin, Jeter & Co., for printing Journals,..... | \$90 00 | |
| October 29.—To Cash paid Quota at General Conven- tion,..... | 26 00 | |
| November 9.—To postage on Journals,..... | 1 36 | |
| 1854.—May 1.—To postage,..... | 1 17 | |
| “ 5.—By Union Parish,..... | | 4 25 |
| “ “ —“ St. Michael's Church,..... | | 2 00 |
| To Balance,..... | | 10 05 |
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| | \$124 87 | \$124 87 |

On account of the difficulty of raising the Bishop's Salary, the Committee would also recommend the following :

Resolved, That each Communicant in the Diocese be respectfully requested to contribute, annually, the sum of one dollar, towards making up the Bishop's Salary, and that the amount so raised in each Parish be sent to the Treasurer of the Convention by the Minister or Lay Delegates.

An application having been made by Mr. David Minge, for permission to transfer his Contribution to the Bishop's Special Fund, from Union Parish to St. Michael's Parish.

Resolved, That he be authorized so to do, and the Trustees of the Fund be instructed to make the transfer accordingly.

Resolved, That St. Mark's Church, Greene county, be released from the assessment of 1849, due and unpaid by that Parish.

Resolved, That the amount of the notes of Messrs E. Jones and W. P. Hammond, be transferred from Christ Church, Mobile, to St. John's Church, Mobile. Also, that the amount of the note of A. L. Haden be transferred from Trinity Church, Mobile, to St. Paul's Church, Selma.

A. W. ELLERBE, Chairman.

The Committee on Finance also recommend the following assessments upon the various Parishes, together with 5 per cent. upon the assessments, to provide for the Contingent Fund.

| | Bishop's Salary. | Contingent Fund. |
|------------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Christ Church, Mobile,..... | \$500 00 | \$25 00 |
| Christ Church, Tuscaloosa,..... | 200 00 | 10 00 |
| St. John's Church, Montgomery,..... | 250 00 | 12 50 |
| St. Paul's Church, Greensboro',..... | 175 00 | 8 75 |
| Union Parish, Uniontown,..... | 100 00 | 5 00 |
| St. Andrew's Church, Macon,..... | 50 00 | 2 50 |
| St. Paul's Church, Selma,..... | 100 00 | 5 00 |
| St. John's Church, in the Prairies,..... | 30 00 | 1 50 |
| St. James' Church, Livingston,..... | 80 00 | 3 00 |
| Church of the Nativity, Huntsville,... | 125 00 | 6 25 |
| St. Paul's Church, Carlisle,..... | 50 00 | 2 50 |
| St. Peter's Church, Lowndes County,.. | 50 00 | 2 50 |
| St. John's Church, Tuscumbia,..... | 25 00 | 1 25 |
| St. Luke's Church, Cahaba,..... | 50 00 | 2 50 |
| St. David's Church, Dallas County,.... | 94 00 | 4 70 |
| Trinity Church, Demopolis,..... | 50 00 | 2 50 |
| St. John's Church, in the Wilderness,.. | 25 00 | 1 25 |
| St. James' Church, Eufaula,..... | 25 00 | 1 25 |
| St. Stephen's Church, Eutaw,..... | 35 00 | 1 75 |
| Trinity Church, Mobile,..... | 150 00 | 7 50 |
| St. Mark's Church, Greene County,.... | 40 00 | 2 00 |
| St. Wilfrid's Church, Marion,..... | 30 00 | 1 50 |
| St. Luke's Church, Jacksonville,..... | 25 00 | 1 25 |
| St. John's Church, Elyton,..... | 10 00 | 50 |
| Trinity Church, Auburn,..... | 10 00 | 50 |
| St. Michael's Church, Marengo,..... | 35 00 | 1 75 |
| Christ Church, Wetumpka,..... | 10 00 | 50 |
| Trinity Church, Florence,..... | 25 00 | 1 25 |
| St. John's Church, Mobile,..... | 75 00 | 3 75 |
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| | \$2,399 00 | \$120 20 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |

On motion the report was received.

On motion, the report and accompanying resolutions were adopted.

The President resumed the chair.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Articles of Association for the admission of new Parishes, found on Page 8 of the Journal of 1849, be adopted by the Convention as a permanent form, and be printed every year upon the fly leaf of the Journal.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the report of the Committee on the state of the Church, made to this Convention, be read by each Clergyman of the Diocese, at his earliest convenience, to every Congregation of his charge.

On motion, the following amendment to Canon 1 was unanimously adopted: "Vacancies in the Vestry, caused by death, resignation, or otherwise, may be filled by the remaining members."

On motion, *Resolved* that the Secretary be authorised to have printed six hundred copies of the Journal, with the Rules of Order, for distribution.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the thanks of the Convention be tendered to the citizens of Carlowville, for their kindness and hospitality extended to the members of the Convention.

The Convention took a recess for Divine Service.

After Service, the Convention resumed its business.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the following resolution be printed in the Journal, and lie over until the next Convention.

"*Resolved*, That in the judgment of this Convention it is not the duty of the Bishop to visit officially any Church or Parish, which may not pay its assessment to the Bishop's salary."

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Convention proceed to the election of a Trustee of the General Theological Seminary, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of the Rev. N. P. KNAPP.

Rev. F. B. LEE was nominated and elected.

Leave of absence was granted to the Rev. G. F. CUSHMAN and the Rev. WM. J. ELLIS.

The minutes of the Convention were read and approved; when, after Prayer and the Benediction by the Bishop, the Convention adjourned *sine die*.

N. H. COBBS, President.

HENRY A. TAYLOR, Secretary.

ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION.

WE, whose names are hereunto affixed, deeply impressed with the importance of the Christian religion, and earnestly desiring to promote its holy influence in the hearts and lives of ourselves, our families, and our neighbors, do hereby associate ourselves together under the name and style and title of the Parish of ——— Church, ———, ——— County, and State of Alabama, and by so doing do adopt the Constitution and Canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Alabama, in communion with the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America.

Agreeably to Canon XI, 1850, we certify to the Convention of the Diocese of Alabama, that the above recited Articles of Association have been duly signed by the members of the Parish of ——— Church, ———.

TREASURER'S REPORT,

Made to Rt. Rev. N. H. Cobbs, D. D., President of the Diocesan Missionary Society of Alabama.

THOMAS W. McCOY, Treasurer,

In account with Diocesan Missionary Society of Alabama.

1853.

DR.

May 10.—To balance, per report to Convention,.....\$170 38

" 12.—To cash received from Bishop Cobbs,
account of Church of the Nativity,
Huntsville,.....\$15 00
St. Andrew's Church, Prairieville,.. 11 50
Trinity Church, Demopolis,..... 14 00
St. Wilfrid's Church, Marion,..... 3 60
Collections at opening Convention,
Selma,..... 15 25
Sundry collections at Convention,.. 36 35
Gift of a Lady,.....5 00—\$100 60

June 17.—To cash, of Rev. J. M. Banister, St. Paul's Church,
Greensboro',..... 20 00

1854.

February 15.—To cash, collection in St. James' Church,
Livingston,..... 23 00

" 20.—To cash, of Bishop Cobbs, from "A Brother
in Maryland," 20 00

" 22.—To cash, of Rev. J. M. Mitchell, St. John's
Church, Montgomery..... 55 00

March 23.—To cash, of Bishop Cobbs, Church of the Na-
tivity, Huntsville,..... 28 50

April 2.—To cash, of Rev. Mr. Leacock, collected in Christ
Church, Mobile,..... 147 45

" 2.—To cash, of Rev. Mr. Leacock, own donation,.. 25 00

May 4.—To cash, of Rev. Mr. Massey, Trinity, Church,
Mobile,..... 17 50

June 20.—To cash, of Bishop Cobbs, Trinity Church, De-
mopolis, \$7 75, and 25 cts.,..... 8 00

1853.

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May 19.—By cash paid order, favor Rev. T. A. Morris,.... \$ 50 00

June 20.—By " " " " " R. B. Sutton,.. 72 00

" 20.—By " " " " " R. D. Nevins,.. 50 00

August 2.—By " " " " " J. M. Mitchell,. 50 00

October 5.—By " " " " " R. D. Nevins,.. 20 00

1854.

Jan'y 12.—By " " " " " J. B. Ramadell,. 50 00

March 23.—By " " " " " T. A. Morris,.. 38 50

" 30.—By " " " " " T. A. Morris,.. 71 50

May 10.—Balance on hand, carried down,..... 223 63

\$615 63 \$615 63

1854.—May 10.—To balance, on hand,.....\$223 63

THOMAS W. McCOY, Treasurer.

E. E.—Mobile, 10th May, 1854.

CONSTITUTION
OF THE
PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH,
IN THE DIOCESE OF ALABAMA.

THE Clergy and Laity of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Alabama, for the purpose of promoting the cause of religion and piety, establishing order, and securing to themselves and their posterity the advantages of the Ministry and Ordinances of the Church, do ordain and establish this Constitution:

ARTICLE 1. This Church hereby accedes to the authority, and recognizes and adopts the Constitution and Canons of the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America.

ART. 2. There shall be an annual Convention of the Church, to be held at such time and place as shall be designated by the next preceding Convention; and in case there should be an epidemic disease in the place appointed for holding said Convention, or any other good cause to render it necessary to alter the place fixed for holding it, the Bishop shall have the power to appoint another convenient place for holding the same.

ART. 3. The Convention shall be composed of Clergymen and Laymen. Every Clergyman in ecclesiastical connexion with the Diocese, being a Minister or Assistant Minister of some Parish within the same, or a Missionary under the direction of the ecclesiastical authority thereof, or being a President, Professor or Tutor in some Institution of learning recognized and approved by this Convention, or being unable to discharge the duties of the Ministry on account of age or infirm health, or a Chaplain in the Army or Navy, shall be entitled to a seat and vote in the Convention. *Provided*, that no member shall be entitled to a seat in the Convention, unless he shall have resided in the Diocese for six months next preceding. The Laymen shall consist of any number of Delegates, not exceeding five from each Parish, chosen by the Vestry thereof from the Church within the same.

ART. 4. Four members of the Clerical order and the delegations of four Parishes shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business: but a smaller number may adjourn.

ART. 5. The Bishop shall be President of the Convention. If he be absent, or if there be no Bishop, the Convention shall choose

a President *pro tempore*, from the Presbyters present. The Bishop may make any motion which he shall judge conducive to the good of the Church; but shall not enter into debate; and he may deliver his sentiments on any subject, after it has been discussed, before a vote thereon. He may call *special* Conventions at whatever times and places he may think necessary. In case of a vacancy in the Episcopal office, this power shall be exercised by the Standing Committee.

ART. 6. A Secretary shall be chosen at each annual meeting of the Convention, who shall remain in office until the next election of a Secretary. His duty shall be to make minutes of their proceedings, to preserve their journals and records, to attest the public accounts of the body, and faithfully to deliver into the hands of his successor, all books and papers relative to the concerns of the Convention, which may be in his possession.

ART. 7. In Convention the Clergy and Laity shall deliberate and vote as one body. But if it be required by two Clergymen, or the delegation of two Parishes, the two orders shall vote separately, in which case, each Clergyman shall cast one vote, and the delegation of each Parish one vote, and a majority of the votes of each order, thus cast, shall be decisive. In electing a Bishop the Laity shall vote by Parishes, as herein provided.

ART. 8. The election of a Bishop shall be made in Convention, in the following manner: The Clergy shall nominate, by ballot, some fit and qualified Clergyman of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, for that office, the votes of a majority of that order being necessary to constitute a choice. Such nomination shall be communicated to the Lay Delegates, and be considered by them; and if, on a ballot, it shall appear that the person so nominated is approved by a majority of the Parishes represented he shall be then declared duly elected.

ART. 9. The Standing Committee, consisting of not more than three Clergymen, and three Laymen, shall be elected at each annual meeting of the Convention. Vacancies in the Committee, caused by death, resignation, or otherwise, shall be filled by the remaining members. A majority shall constitute a quorum.

ART. 10. Every Convention shall be opened with prayer, a sermon, and the administration of the Holy Communion—the preacher to be appointed by the Bishop, or in case of vacancy in the Episcopate, by the Standing Committee.

ART. 11. A proposition to alter this Constitution, shall be made in writing, and if approved by two-thirds of the Convention, shall be submitted to the next Convention; if approved by a majority of the two orders therein, voting separately, it shall be adopted; the Constitution, so altered, shall be valid.



CANONS OF THE DIOCESE OF ALABAMA,

ADOPTED IN 1852

CANON I.

OF THE VESTRY OF A PARISH.

SECTION 1. In every Parish, there shall be an annual election on Easter Monday, or on such day thereafter as the Parish may appoint, of a Vestry, consisting of not less than three, and not more than eleven members, who shall continue in office until their successors are chosen. Two of the Vestrymen shall be appointed to serve as Wardens, one of whom shall be designated as Senior Warden of the Parish. The Vestry shall elect a Secretary whose duty shall be to take and record the minutes of their proceedings, attest the public acts of the Vestry, preserve all records and papers belonging to the Parish, perform such other duties as shall be legally assigned to him, and faithfully deliver into the hands of his successor all books and documents belonging to the Parish, that may be in his possession.

SEC. 2. In electing a Vestry, any person shall be entitled to vote who is a holder or renter of one entire pew, or is a contributor to the Church to such an amount as the respective Parish shall appoint. When two or more persons shall hold or rent a pew, they shall be jointly entitled to one vote. In forming new Parishes, no person shall be entitled to vote, who has not signed the Articles of Parochial Association.

SEC. 3. No person shall be elected a Vestryman, who is not a pew-holder, or a qualified voter in the Parish for which he is elected; provided that no person shall be qualified to act as a Vestryman who does not believe in the truth of the Holy Scriptures.

SEC. 4. It shall be the duty of the Vestry, to take charge of the property of the Church, to regulate its temporal concerns, elect and call a Minister, and provide for his maintenance; to keep order in the Church during the Celebration of Divine Worship, and in general, to act as helpers to the Minister, in whatever is appropriate to Laymen, for the furtherance of the Gospel. It shall be the duty of the Wardens especially, to provide the elements of the Lord's Supper, to collect the alms at the administration of the same, to keep and disburse such alms in case the Church is destitute of a Minister; to provide for the celebration of public worship, and the instruction of the congregation by occasional clerical services, or by lay reading, as circumstances may permit. Parishes now incorporated, are excepted from any part of this Canon interfering with their Articles of Association, or By-Laws.

SEC. 5. The Rector of every Parish shall *ex-officio* preside as Chairman at Vestry meetings, and shall be entitled to a casting vote in case of a tie on all questions except those in which he may be personally concerned. The Rector shall have power to call Vestry meetings at any time; giving reasonable notice, and it shall be his duty to do so whenever he may be requested by three members of the Vestry. In the absence of the Rector, or if the Parish is without a Rector, the Senior Warden, or any two members of the Vestry, shall have power to call Vestry meetings, giving reasonable notice. There shall be holden four regular Vestry meetings in each year; one on Easter Monday and the others quarterly thereafter. Vacancies in the Vestry, caused by death, resignation or otherwise, may be filled by the remaining members.

CANON II.

OF ADMITTING A CHURCH OR PARISH INTO UNION WITH THIS DIOCESE.

No Church or Parish shall be received into union with this Diocese, unless the Articles of Association, authenticated by the Chairman and Secretary of such Association, be presented to the Convention by a member thereof.

CANON III.

OF ATTENDANCE ON CONVENTION, AND TITLE OF A PARISH TO LAY DELEGATES.

SEC. 1. It shall be the duty of every Parish in union with the Convention, to send a number, not exceeding five, of Lay Delegates to the Convention, who shall be chosen by the Vestry from among the parishioners.

SEC. 2. No Parish shall be entitled to a Lay Delegation, until all assessments upon the same, made by the Convention, not specially remitted, shall have been paid to the Treasurer thereof: nor shall any Parish be entitled to Lay Delegation, which shall be in arrears six months in the payment of the salary of their Minister, which may hereafter accrue.

CANON IV.

QUALIFICATION OF DELEGATES.

The qualification for a Delegate to the Convention shall be the same as for a Vestryman: except only, that no pecuniary contributions shall be a necessary qualification.

CANON V.

CERTIFICATES TO BE PRESENTED BY DELEGATES.

Delegates to the Convention from the several Parishes shall present a certificate, signed by the Secretary of the Vestry, or by the Rector, or by one of the Wardens, in the following form:

This certifies, that at a meeting of the Vestry of _____ Church, held on _____ day of _____, A, B and C, were duly elected Lay Delegates to represent the same in the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the Diocese of Alabama, to be holden on the _____ day of _____, in the year of our Lord _____.

CANON VI.

OF DELEGATES TO THE GENERAL CONVENTION.

The Convention shall elect, at a regular annual meeting, Delegates to the General Convention, who shall continue in office until a new election shall be made.

CANON VII.

OF ATTENDANCE OF THE CLERGY ON CONVENTION.

The regular attendance of the Clergy at the meetings of the Convention, being deemed of great importance to the interests of the Church, is a *duty* with which no slight obstacle should be allowed to interfere. And it is recommended to the Parishes to make provision for the expenses incurred by their respective Ministers in attending the Convention. At the opening of every Convention, the names of the Clergy entitled to seats therein, shall be called over.

CANON VIII.

A LIST TO BE MADE OF THE MINISTERS IN THE DIOCESE.

SEC. 1. Before the meeting of every Convention, the Bishop, or if there be no Bishop, the Clerical members of the Standing Committee, shall cause to be prepared a list of all the Clergymen canonically resident in the Diocese, annexing the names of their respective cures or parishes, or stations as Missionaries, or of the Institutions of learning in which they are engaged ; and the places of residence of such as are not employed in either of the ways above mentioned ; specifying at the same time who, of either class, are Deacons: but no person, while suspended from the ministry, shall have a place on such list. And such list shall be laid before the Convention immediately after it shall have been called to order, and the names of the Clerical members called therefrom. The same shall be appended to the Journal, and sent to the Secretary of the General Convention.

SEC. 2. When the right of any Clergyman to a seat in the Convention is disputed, it shall be determined, according to the provisions of the Constitution, by the Convention itself, whether his name be inserted in the list aforesaid, or omitted.

CANON IX.

OF THE TREASURER OF THE CONVENTION.

The Secretary shall be, *ex-officio*, Treasurer of the Convention, until a Treasurer is elected. He shall forward, in due time, to the Treasurer of the General Convention, the amount assessed upon the Diocese for the contingent expenses of the General Convention.

CANON X.

OF RECEIVING A CLERGYMAN INTO A PARISH.

No Clergyman shall be admitted to the pastoral charge of any Parish, unless he first produce to the Vestry thereof, a certificate

from the Bishop, or in case there be no Bishop, from the Standing Committee, that he has presented satisfactory testimonials that he is an accredited Minister of the Church, in good standing.

CANON XI.

OF PARISH REGISTERS AND REPORTS.

SEC. 1. Every Minister shall keep a register of all the baptisms, confirmations, marriages, and funerals solemnized by him, or in his parish by any other Minister, specifying the names and times of birth of the children baptised, together with the names of the parents and sponsors; the names of the adults baptised, and also the witnesses of the baptism; the names of those confirmed, and by whom; the names of the persons married, and of persons buried, and also the times when each rite and sacrament were performed. This register shall be kept in a book to be provided for that purpose, and belonging to the Vestry in each Parish, which book shall be called the Parish Register, and shall be considered as a part of the records of the Parish.

SEC. 2. In addition to the register above named, the Minister of each Parish shall keep a list of the communicants and families within his cure, specifying the time when the former became communicants of his Parish, and whether by removal from some other Parish or otherwise.

SEC. 3. Every Minister shall, on or before the first day of every annual Convention, deliver or caused to be delivered to the Bishop of the Diocese, or if there be no Bishop, to the President of the Convention, a statement of the number of baptisms, marriages, funerals and confirmations, within his cure, since the last Convention—and also the number of communicants—specifying the number of removals, deaths, and additions from other Churches, or otherwise, during the same time; and also of the number of pupils and teachers connected with the Sunday Schools, and of all contributions for benevolent objects, by subscription or public collection: together with a concise statement of whatever other matters may be important in showing the state of the Parish.

SEC. 4. In every Parish destitute of a Minister, the register shall be kept by some person appointed by the Vestry for that purpose; and the annual parochial reports shall be presented or forwarded to the Bishop, or the President of the Convention, if there be no Bishop, by the Wardens of the Parish.

CANON XII.

OF THE DIVISION OF A PARISH.

When any portion of a Parish in connexion with this Convention shall desire to be separated from the Parish to which they belong, and to be erected into a new Parish, they shall first secure the consent of the Parish, adopt Articles of Association, and apply to the Convention for admission. In case the Parish should not consent to the proposed division, the portion seeking for it shall

make known the fact to the Convention, and the Convention shall then decide upon the expediency of separation.

CANON XIII.

TRIAL OF A CLERGYMAN.

SEC. 1. In order to bring a Clergyman to trial before an Ecclesiastical Court, a charge shall be made in the first place, to the Clerical members of the Standing Committee, in writing, under the proper signature of at least two persons, one of whom shall be a Presbyter of this Diocese. And if the Clerical members of the Standing Committee shall deem the offence charged, as coming within the offences enumerated in the Constitution and Canons of this Diocese, or of the General Convention, and that it ought to be presented, they shall present the same to the Bishop, in the following form :

To A. B., Bishop of the Diocese of Alabama :

The Standing Committee of the Diocese of Alabama, respectfully represent, that C. D. has been accused under the hand of E. F. and G. H., [here recite the charge or charges,] and the Committee are of opinion that there is sufficient ground for presenting the said C. D. for trial, agreeably to the Canon in such case made and provided. [SIGNED BY THE STANDING COMMITTEE.]

SEC. 2. But nothing herein contained, shall be regarded as interfering with the duty of the Bishop to institute an inquiry on his own motion, according to the 37th Canon of the General Convention.

SEC. 3. A presentment being made, the Bishop shall communicate the same to the accused, by furnishing him a copy, and shall proceed to form a Court for his trial, in the following manner:—At a time and place designated by the Bishop, of which reasonable notice shall be given to the accused, with a written summons to attend, the names of all the Presbyters entitled to seats in Convention shall be placed in a box, and eight names shall be drawn therefrom by some person having no supposed bias in the case, in the presence of the accused, or his agent appointed in writing, or if neither attend, in presence of two witnesses chosen by the Bishop: A list of the names so drawn shall be made as they are called, and a copy thereof given to the accused, or left at his usual place of abode—from which list he shall, within thirty days, select five names, and give notice thereof to the Bishop. The Presbyters whose names are reported as thus selected, shall constitute the Court for the trial of the accused.

SEC. 4. The Court shall hold its session at such time and place as the Bishop may appoint, and shall have power to adjourn from time to time, and from place to place, within the Diocese. If it fail to meet on the day appointed, it shall stand adjourned to the next day, and from day to day, for the space of three days, if it be not sooner formed; and if the whole number do not attend, and it appears probable that a full attendance cannot be had, those of the Court who may be present, being not less than three (3,) shall

proceed to trial. The Court shall appoint a President and Secretary, the first from their own body, and the latter not of their own body; and before proceeding to trial, shall ordain and declare the rules by which the trial shall be conducted. It shall cause the oral testimony for and against the accused to be written down by the Secretary, and, along with the depositions and other evidence read upon the trial, to be carefully preserved; and shall cause a record to be kept of its proceedings. Some officer authorised by law to administer oaths, may be called upon by the counsel to administer an oath or affirmation to the witnesses; and the trial shall be in public, if desired by the accused.

Sec. 5. A written notice of the time and place of meeting of the Court shall be served upon the accused, or left at his usual place of abode, (if he be not found) at least thirty (30) days before such meeting: and like notice shall be given to the Clerical members of the Standing Committee, who, by their President, or some one whom they may appoint to perform that office, shall collect and present the evidence in support of the accusation, and otherwise appear in behalf of the prosecution.

Sec. 6. If the accused do not appear, the Court may proceed to trial in his absence, or, for good cause shewn, may adjourn the trial to another day; and if he refuse, or decline to appear, the Court shall report him to the Bishop for contumacy, who thereupon, shall pass upon him sentence of suspension from the Ministry; but such sentence may be revised by the Bishop, if the accused, within three calendar months, shall report to him that he is prepared to undergo his trial, and shall appear for that end, before the Court; and if he do not so report and appear, the Bishop, in view of the charges in the presentment, may pass against him sentence of degradation from the Ministry.

Sec. 7. Upon the application of the clerical members of the Standing Committee, or the accused, to the Bishop, setting forth that the attendance of a material witness cannot be had, he shall appoint a Clergyman or Layman, as a Commissioner to take the deposition of such witness; and the party applying shall give to the other party such notice of the time and place of taking the deposition as the Bishop shall require. If the party to whom such notice is to be given, reside more than forty miles from the place appointed for taking the deposition, an additional day, exclusive of Sunday, shall be allowed for every twenty miles. The examination shall be in writing, and signed by the witness; and the deposition, certified by the Commissioner, and transmitted under seal, to the Court.

Sec. 8. When the trial shall be gone through, the Court shall declare, in a writing to be signed by the several members, or a majority of them, their decision on the charges contained in the presentment, distinctly stating whether they find the accused guilty, or not guilty; and if guilty, suggesting what sentence, in their

opinion, ought to be pronounced. They shall forward the decision, together with the evidence, and the record of the proceedings, to the Bishop; whereupon the Bishop shall pronounce such sentence as shall to him appear proper, and such sentence shall be final.— But if, in the opinion of the Bishop, the accused ought to have a new trial, he shall have power to award it; in which case a new Court shall be convened, before which the proceedings shall be conducted as before provided.

Sec. 9. If at any time the accused shall confess the truth of the charges, the Bishop, (such confession being made to him, or being certified to him by the Court,) shall proceed to pass sentence; and if, when put upon his trial before the Court, the accused shall neither admit, nor deny the charges, he shall be regarded as pleading not guilty.

Sec. 10. It shall be the duty of the Bishop to report to the Convention, at its next session, after the trial of the Presbyter, or Deacon, as herein provided, the finding of the Court and his sentence thereupon.

Sec. 11. The Bishop of the Diocese, and in case of vacancy in the Episcopate, the Clerical members of the Standing Committee, with the aid and concurrence of a Bishop of this Church, shall have power, whenever he or they shall judge that the interest of the Church require it, to suspend such accused Clergyman during the progress of such trial.

CANON XIV.

CANDIDATES FOR ORDERS INELIGIBLE TO THE CONVENTION OF THE DIOCESE.

No person, who is a candidate for Holy Orders in the Church, shall be permitted to accept an appointment as delegate to the Convention of the Diocese.

CANON XV.

ALTERATIONS OF THE CANONS AND ADDITIONS THERETO.

No proposed alteration of, or addition to, the Canons shall hereafter be considered by the Convention, (unless by unanimous consent) without at least one day's notice thereof in open Convention; nor shall such alteration or addition be adopted during the same Convention, if two-thirds of the votes of both orders shall not concur therein, but in such case the same shall lie over for consideration until the next annual meeting of the Convention.

CANON XVI.

All former Canons are hereby repealed.

Rules of Order.

RULE 1.—The business of the first day of the Session of every Convention shall be introduced by the Morning Service of the Church, read by the President, or by a clerical member appointed by him; a Sermon and the administration of the Holy Communion; and that of each succeeding day by such prayers as he may select from the Liturgy.

RULE 2.—The order of transacting the business of the Convention shall be—First, the appointment of a President (if there be no Bishop, or if he be absent,) and a Secretary *pro tem*. The Secretary shall then call, in alphabetical order, the names of the Clergy entitled to seats. He shall next call the Churches entitled to representation, when the Delegates shall lay their certificates on the Secretary's table. These shall be referred to a Committee of three, who shall forthwith examine them and report to the Convention. A constitutional quorum having been found present, the President shall declare the Convention duly organized.

RULE 3.—The further order of business shall be as follows: 1. The appointment of a President from among the clerical members present, (if there be no Bishop, or if he be absent.) 2. The appointment of a Secretary. 3. The consideration of the application of Churches or Parishes for admission into union with the Convention. 4. The appointment, by the President, of Standing Committees, viz: the Committee on the State of the Church—the Committee on Finance—the Committee on Unfinished Business. 5. The annual Communication of the Standing Committee of the Diocese. 6. The annual Address of the Bishop, (if there be one, and he be present.) 7. The reports of Committees appointed at the last Convention, with instructions to report at this Convention. 8. The reading of the Parochial Reports. 9. The election of the Standing Committee of the Diocese, by ballot. 10. The election of Delegates to the General Convention, by ballot. 11. Reports to be called for. 12. Miscellaneous business.

RULE 4.—When the President takes the Chair, no member shall continue standing, or shall stand up unless to address the President.

RULE 5.—When a member is about to speak in debate, or present any subject to the Convention, he shall, with due respect, address himself to the President, confining himself strictly to the matter under consideration.

RULE 6.—No member shall absent himself from the sessions of the Convention, unless he have leave of the President, or be unable to attend.

RULE 7.—No member shall speak more than twice upon the subject in debate, unless he have leave of the Convention.

RULE 8.—A question being once determined, shall stand as the decision of the Convention, and shall not be again discussed, unless with the consent of two-thirds of the Convention; *Provided, however*, that any member of the Convention voting in the affirmative, may, on the same day on which the vote is taken, move for a reconsideration of the same vote.

RULE 9.—No motion shall be debated, or be considered before the Convention, (except a motion to adjourn,) unless seconded and reduced to writing (if requested) by the mover, and read by the Secretary.

RULE 10.—When a motion is under consideration, no other motion shall be made, except to amend, to divide, to commit, or to postpone. A motion to adjourn, however, shall always be in order and decided without debate.

RULE 11.—A question on amendment shall be decided before the original motion.

RULE 12.—Every member who shall be present when the question is put, shall vote, unless he be personally interested, or be excused from voting by the Convention.

Dioceſan Officers.

Standing Committee.

Rev. J. A. MASSEY, President.

Rev. J. M. MITCHELL,

THOS. LESESNE,

Rev. GEO. F. CUSHMAN,

M. J. CONLEY,

JOHN JOHNSON.

Missionary Committee.

Rt. Rev. N. H. COBBS, D. D.,

Rev. F. B. LEE,

A. W. ELLERBE,

Rev. J. A. MASSEY,

M. J. CONLEY,

Rev. GEO. F. CUSHMAN.

Treasurer—THOMAS W. MCCOY, Mobile.

Trustees of the Bishop's Fund.


WM. F. PIERCE, Eutaw.

A. W. ELLERBE, Liberty Hill, Dallas County.

H. L. ALISON, Carlowville.

Secretary and Treasurer of the Convention.

HENRY A. TAYLOR, Macon, Marengo County.

 The next Annual Convention will be held in GREENSBORO', on the second Thursday in May, 1855.

NOTE.—The following paragraph should have been appended to the Parochial Report from Christ Church, Mobile:

The discrepancy which is found between the number of Communicants reported last year and this, will prove to be less if the removed and dead are added to the present number reported: 178 + 27 = 205. Could a complete list be obtained, it is probable that the numbers would have agreed.

ABSTRACT OF THE PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

| NAMES OF PARISHES. | Baptisms. | | | Communicants. | | | S. Schools. | | | Paid to Bishop's Assessment. | | | Paid to County Genl Assess-ment. | | | Paid to Diocesan Missionary Society. | | | Other Contributions. | | | PRESENT MINISTERS. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| | White, col'd. | | | Whole No. | | | Buried. | | | Added. | | | Died. | | | Removed. | | | Colored. | | | | Whole No. | | | Teachers. | | | White Scholars. | | | Colored Scholars. | | |
| | Children. | Adults. | Children. | Adults. | Children. | Adults. | Children. | Adults. | Children. | Adults. | Children. | Adults. | Children. | Adults. | Children. | Adults. | Children. | Adults. | Children. | Adults. | Children. | | Adults. | Children. | Adults. | Children. | Adults. | Children. | Adults. | | | | | |
| Christ Church, Mobile. | 16 | 4 | 16 | 4 | 20 | 16 | 8 | 13 | 19 | 425 | 178 | 10 | 100 | 90 | \$449 80 | \$25 00 | 147 45 | 28 90 | Rev. B. B. Laseock. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Christ Church, Tuscaloosa. | 1880 | 4 | 8 | 8 | 14 | 7 | 9 | 4 | 10 | 210 | 75 | 18 | 80 | 20 | 250 00 | 19 50 | 28 90 | 28 90 | Rev. Wm. Johnson. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| St. Paul's Church, Greensboro'. | 1880 | 0 | 9 | 12 | 80 | 18 | 7 | 8 | 11 | 1 | 61 | 5 | 80 | 365 00 | 175 00 | 6 75 | 7 00 | 365 00 | Rev. J. M. Banister. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Trinity Church, Demopolis. | 1883 | 1 | 10 | 16 | 16 | 16 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 11 | 4 | 90 | 80 00 | 2 50 | 2 50 | 7 00 | 80 00 | Rev. F. E. Hanson. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| St. John's Church, in the Prairies. | 1883 | 15 | 4 | 6 | 25 | 13 | 4 | 9 | 21 | 0 | 63 | 6 | 43 | 80 00 | 8 00 | 8 00 | 23 00 | 41 05 | Rev. J. H. Tietner. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| St. James' Church, Livingston. | 1887 | 40 | 9 | 8 | 57 | 18 | 4 | 15 | 21 | 2 | 114 | 15 | 118 | 250 00 | 12 50 | 55 00 | 231 00 | 231 00 | Rev. Cobbs and Rev. J. M. Minshall. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| St. John's Church, Montgomery. | 1887 | 4 | 5 | 9 | 9 | 8 | 1 | 1 | 9 | 2 | 81 | 35 | 100 | 25 00 | 1 50 | 55 00 | 5 00 | 25 00 | Rev. W. A. Stickney. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| St. Wilfrid's Church, Marion. | 1888 | 9 | 0 | 1 | 10 | 8 | 4 | 13 | 4 | 4 | 29 | 8 | 95 | 60 00 | 2 50 | 100 00 | 5 00 | 60 00 | Rev. J. B. Ramsdell. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| St. Peter's Church, Lowndes County. | 1888 | 9 | 0 | 7 | 19 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 18 | 3 | 25 | 60 00 | 2 50 | 10 20 | 27 15 | 60 00 | Rev. W. H. Platt. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| St. Paul's Church, Selma. | 1888 | 5 | 7 | 9 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 4 | 2 | 43 | 6 | 25 | 100 00 | 5 00 | 5 00 | 47 00 | 100 00 | Rev. G. F. Crabman. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| St. Luke's Church, Cahaba. | 1889 | 9 | 9 | 3 | 19 | 15 | 1 | 1 | 18 | 1 | 26 | 4 | 30 | 50 00 | 2 50 | 5 00 | 27 15 | 50 00 | Rev. F. B. Lee. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| St. Paul's Church, Cartersville. | 1889 | 6 | 6 | 19 | 15 | 15 | 1 | 1 | 18 | 1 | 26 | 4 | 30 | 50 00 | 2 50 | 5 00 | 47 00 | 50 00 | Rev. H. A. Cobbs. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| St. John's Church, Tusculum. | 1890 | 12 | 7 | 51 | 70 | 10 | 8 | 4 | 11 | 5 | 48 | 7 | 40 | 125 00 | 6 25 | 28 50 | 538 50 | 125 00 | Rev. J. B. T. Smith. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Trinity Church, Florence. | 1894 | 1 | 28 | 0 | 29 | 19 | 1 | 9 | 9 | 8 | 18 | 1 | 18 | 125 00 | 4 70 | 48 80 | 538 50 | 125 00 | Rev. H. C. Lay. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Church of the Nativity, Huntsville. | 1844 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 17 | 1 | 17 | 50 00 | 2 50 | 50 00 | 538 50 | 50 00 | Rev. R. D. Nevins. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| St. David's Church, Dallas County. | 1844 | 9 | 9 | 4 | 15 | 4 | 8 | 9 | 18 | 5 | 54 | 5 | 30 | 50 00 | 2 50 | 50 00 | 538 50 | 50 00 | Rev. F. E. Hanson. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| St. Andrew's Church, Macon. | 1845 | 10 | 2 | 2 | 12 | 6 | 2 | 9 | 7 | 1 | 25 | 5 | 30 | 13 00 | 13 00 | 13 00 | 538 50 | 13 00 | Rev. E. O. Murlough. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Union Parish, Dalton. | 1845 | 10 | 2 | 2 | 12 | 6 | 2 | 9 | 7 | 1 | 25 | 5 | 30 | 13 00 | 13 00 | 13 00 | 538 50 | 13 00 | Rev. W. J. Ellis. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| St. James' Church, Enfield. | 1845 | 10 | 2 | 2 | 12 | 6 | 2 | 9 | 7 | 1 | 25 | 5 | 30 | 13 00 | 13 00 | 13 00 | 538 50 | 13 00 | Rev. H. C. Lay. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| St. John's Church, in the Wilderness. | 1846 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 8 | 6 | 2 | 9 | 5 | 4 | 15 | 4 | 13 | 35 00 | 1 75 | 13 00 | 13 00 | 35 00 | Rev. S. U. Smith. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| St. Stephen's Church, Etowah. | 1847 | 79 | 10 | 5 | 97 | 28 | 28 | 133 | 40 | 5 | 131 | 4 | 13 | 113 50 | 5 00 | 7 50 | 7 50 | 113 50 | Rev. J. A. Massey. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Trinity Church, Mobile. | 1847 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 11 | 1 | 14 | 25 00 | 1 50 | 1 50 | 25 00 | 25 00 | Rev. E. U. Smith. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| St. Mark's Church, Greens County. | 1849 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 14 | 1 | 14 | 9 00 | 9 00 | 9 00 | 9 00 | 9 00 | Rev. S. U. Smith. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| St. Luke's Church, Jacksonville. | 1850 | 26 | 7 | 1 | 108 | 40 | 1 | 5 | 53 | 1 | 73 | 30 | 101 | 10 05 | 10 05 | 10 05 | 10 05 | 10 05 | Rev. J. H. Ingraham. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| St. John's Church, Elyton. | 1850 | 26 | 7 | 1 | 108 | 40 | 1 | 5 | 53 | 1 | 73 | 30 | 101 | 10 05 | 10 05 | 10 05 | 10 05 | 10 05 | Rev. J. H. Ingraham. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Trinity Church, Auburn. | 1851 | 26 | 7 | 1 | 108 | 40 | 1 | 5 | 53 | 1 | 73 | 30 | 101 | 10 05 | 10 05 | 10 05 | 10 05 | 10 05 | Rev. J. H. Ingraham. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| St. Michael's Church, Marengo County. | 1853 | 26 | 7 | 1 | 108 | 40 | 1 | 5 | 53 | 1 | 73 | 30 | 101 | 10 05 | 10 05 | 10 05 | 10 05 | 10 05 | Rev. J. H. Ingraham. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| St. John's Church, Mobile. | 1854 | 26 | 7 | 1 | 108 | 40 | 1 | 5 | 53 | 1 | 73 | 30 | 101 | 10 05 | 10 05 | 10 05 | 10 05 | 10 05 | Rev. J. H. Ingraham. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Christ Church, Wetumpka. | 1854 | 26 | 7 | 1 | 108 | 40 | 1 | 5 | 53 | 1 | 73 | 30 | 101 | 10 05 | 10 05 | 10 05 | 10 05 | 10 05 | Rev. J. H. Ingraham. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Rev. T. A. Cook, Missionary, Talladega. | 1854 | 26 | 7 | 1 | 108 | 40 | 1 | 5 | 53 | 1 | 73 | 30 | 101 | 10 05 | 10 05 | 10 05 | 10 05 | 10 05 | Rev. J. H. Ingraham. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| " Thom. A. Morris, Missionary. | 1854 | 26 | 7 | 1 | 108 | 40 | 1 | 5 | 53 | 1 | 73 | 30 | 101 | 10 05 | 10 05 | 10 05 | 10 05 | 10 05 | Rev. J. H. Ingraham. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

Journal of the Proceedings

OF THE

**SOCIETY FOR THE RELIEF OF DISABLED CLERGYMEN,
AND OF THE WIDOWS AND ORPHANS OF DECEASED
CLERGYMEN OF THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH,
IN THE DIOCESE OF ALABAMA.**

**St. Paul's Church, Cannelton, Ala.,
May 12, 1854, 8 o'clock, P. M. }**

At a meeting of the Society for the relief of disabled Clergymen and the Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen, the meeting was called to order by the Rt. Rev. N. H. Cobbs, D. D., President.

MEMBERS.

1846.—Rt. Rev. N. H. Cobbs, D. D., Rev. F. B. Lee, Rev. F. R. Hanson, Rev. J. A. Massey; Messrs. Henry A. Taylor, John Ellerbe, H. L. Allison.

1847.—Rev. J. M. Mitchell; Messrs. Paul Lee, M. J. Conley, John Simpson, life member, David Minge.

1848.—Rev. R. A. Cobbs; Messrs. L. H. Anderson, Thomas W. McCoy, E. W. Peck.

1849.—Rev. H. C. Lay, Rev. J. M. Robertson, Rev. J. H. Ticknor; Messrs. Jno. P. Broun, A. W. Ellerbe, S. Chapman, Thos. B. Taylor.

1850.—Mr. Emanuel Jones.

1853.—Rev. Wm. Johnson; Mr. W. W. Lane, life member, J. W. Clay.

1854.—Mr. R. P. McCord, Mrs. Anne L. Lee.

The roll being called the following members answered to their names:

Rt. Rev. N. H. Cobbs, D. D., Rev. Messrs. Hanson, Lee, Massey, Johnson, and Messrs. Allison, Broun, and Taylor.

A constitutional quorum being present, the President declared the Society organized.

The Secretary then presented the following Act of Incorporation, passed by the last Legislature of the State of Alabama :

A N A C T

To incorporate the Society for the relief of disabled, Clergymen and the Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the Diocese of Alabama.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Alabama, in General Assembly convened,* That N. H. Cobba, F. R. Hanson, N. P. Knapp, J. A. Massey, Henry A. Tayloe, John Ellerbe, J. M. Banister, H. C. Lay, Thomas B. Taylor, and their associates, be and they are hereby declared and created a body corporate, by the name and style of **The Society for the Relief of Disabled Clergymen, and of the Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church, of the Diocese of Alabama,** and as such shall have perpetual succession, may sue and be sued, and have a common seal, and receive and hold real and personal property, not exceeding in value the sum of fifty thousand dollars. The proceeds or income thereof to be extended in aid of disabled Clergymen, or the Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen of said Church.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted,* That for the management of the affairs of said Corporation there shall be elected annually, at the time of the Diocesan Convention of said Church, by the members of said Corporation, a President, Secretary and Treasurer, and such other trustees or officers, as by the Constitution and By-Laws of said Society, may be required, which officers shall hold their offices respectively till their successors are elected and qualified; and if said elections are not held at the time or times hereinbefore mentioned, they may be held at some meeting to be called by the President.

SEC. 3. *Be it further enacted,* That the members of said Society, for the management of said Corporation, may make and adopt a Constitution and By-Laws as may be necessary, and appoint such agents and officers as they may think proper.

SEC. 4. *Be it further enacted,* That no gift, devise or bequest, made to the said Corporation, shall fail because of a mistake in the name or subscription thereof, if the intention of the donor, grantor or deviser can be ascertained by extrinsic proof.

Approved, Feb. 17th, 1854.

On motion, *Resolved,* That the second article of the Constitution be amended so as to conform with the Act of Incorporation, by striking out the words "to hold their several offices during good behavior, but the Bishop, if he be a member, shall be President," and substituting the words "to be elected annually" after the word Treasurer, in the second line of said Article.

On motion, *Resolved,* That the Right Reverend the Bishop of the Diocese be respectfully requested, in his visitations to the Parishes of the Diocese, to present the claims of the Society to the members of the Church, and endeavor to obtain contributions and donations to its funds.

On motion, the Society proceeded to the election of officers.

Rt. Rev. N. H. COBBS, D. D., was nominated and unanimously elected President.

Henry A. TAYLOR was nominated and elected Secretary and Treasurer.

The Treasurer presented his annual report, viz:
Society for the Relief of the Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen,
In account with HENRY A. TAYLOR, Treasurer.

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| 1853.—May 1.—By balance,..... | \$413 48 |
| “ 1.—To cash paid Rev. J. H. Morrison, order, . \$ | 15 00 |
| “ 14.—By amount received from members,.... | 210 00 |
| “ a Lady,..... | 5 00 |
| “ “ for Rev. F. B. Lee,..... | 5 00 |
| “ “ “ “ H. O. Lay,..... | 5 00 |
| “ interest upon a note, \$50,..... | 4 00 |
| “ “ “ “ \$345 82, two years, | 57 58 |
| “ amount from Carlowville, to constitute Rev. F. B. Lee a life member, | 50 00 |
| June 1.—To note of this date..... | 350 00 |
| 1854.—March.—From John Simpson, to constitute himself a life member,..... | 50 00 |
| May 1.—By two years' interest upon \$128 35,... | 21 34 |
| “ 1.—By David Minge,..... | 10 00 |
| “ 1.—By interest upon \$200 45,..... | 16 00 |
| “ 1.—By balance,..... | 482 85 |
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| | \$ 847 35—\$847 35 |

Securities held by Treasurer,..... 1085 07
Amount on hand,..... 482 85

\$1,567 42

Report approved.

The President designated Rev. F. B. LEE, Preacher of the Sermon for the year 1855, and Rev. J. A. MASSEY, Alternate.

On motion, the Society adjourned *sine die*.

N. H. COBBS, President.

HENRY A. TAYLOR, Secretary.

At a called meeting of the Society for the relief of disabled Clergymen and Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen, held in Carlowville, on Saturday Evening, May 12th, 1854, the Rt. Rev. N. H. COBBS, D. D., took the Chair.

A Constitutional quorum being present, the Society proceeded to business.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the following be adopted as Article 11, of the Constitution.

ART. 11. Whenever any Parish shall have contributed an amount, the interest of which will be equal to that necessary to entitle a member of the Society to claim assistance from the funds, the Minister or Rector of the Parish, for the time being, shall be the beneficiary of said fund. But this right is to enure to the Parish, and not to be transferred or lost by the removal of the Minister or Rector.

The present Article 11, to be number 12.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the word "*Laymen*" third line, 1st Article, be stricken out, and the word "*persons*" be substituted; likewise the word "*persons*" be substituted in the third line of Article 3, in lieu of "*Lay members*," and the word "*person*" be substituted in the place of the word "*Layman*" in the fifteenth line of same Article.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the words "And any contributor removing from the Diocese, although he can no longer be considered as a member of the Society, may remain a contributor, and in case of his disability or death, he or his family shall be entitled to the same benefits as if he had remained in the Diocese. But if it be inconvenient for him, after his removal, to continue his subscription, he shall then be repaid the sum which he shall have advanced, penalties excepted, with simple interest not exceeding 5 per cent. on each contribution, during the time the Society shall have used the money," in the sixth Article, be stricken out.

On motion, the Society then adjourned.

N. H. COBBS, President.

HENRY A. TAYLOR, Secretary.

CONSTITUTION
OF THE
SOCIETY FOR THE RELIEF OF DISABLED CLERGYMEN,
AND OF THE WIDOWS AND ORPHANS OF DECEASED CLERGYMEN
OF THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH, IN THE
DIOCESE OF ALABAMA.

ARTICLE 1. This Society shall consist of such of the Clergy of the Diocese of Alabama as shall comply with the conditions hereinafter to be prescribed, and of such charitable persons as shall contribute the annual sum of five dollars. All members shall be alike entitled to votes in the meetings of the Society, but the Clerical members shall alone be entitled to its relief.

ART. 2. The officers of this Society shall be a President, Secretary and Treasurer, to be elected annually. The President, or if there be no President, the Secretary shall be competent to summon special meetings of the Society, giving due notice of time and place. The Secretary shall faithfully preserve the records of the Society. The Treasurer shall manage and expend the funds agreeably to the direction of the Society, and shall give bond in such sum as shall be deemed sufficient by the Society from time to time. Annual meetings shall be held during the session of the Diocesan Convention, and at all meetings seven shall constitute a quorum: *Provided*, however, that no appropriation shall be made, unless at an annual meeting, or a special meeting where a majority of the Clerical members are present.

ART. 3. The Clerical members of the Society shall be arranged in four classes, according as they may select, to pay yearly the sum of ten, twenty, thirty or forty dollars. Persons contributing at any time a sum, the interest of which is equal to the sum required to constitute a Clergyman a member of a certain class, may designate the Clergyman to whose benefit such contribution shall enure, and the Clergyman so designated, shall derive the same advantages therefrom, as though it were contributed by himself. Any Clerical member who may prefer to pay at one time a sum sufficient to produce at interest, the amount of ten, twenty, thirty or forty dollars, shall thereupon be constituted a life member, of the first, second, third or fourth classes, and in case of his disability or death, shall be entitled to the same advantages as if he had paid an annual subscription equivalent to said interest. Any person may become a life member by the contribution of fifty dollars.

ART. 4. Every Clerical member on entering the Society shall pay one dollar and a half for every year of his age, exceeding

thirty. His first contribution shall be paid in advance, and every succeeding one on or before the 15th day of May, under the penalty of 12½ per cent. per annum on his original subscription for each year's default, and whenever the penalties shall equal the sum heretofore subscribed by him, he shall no longer be accounted a member, but shall forfeit all his rights, except he shall afterwards comply with such terms as the Society shall deem equitable. And whereas certain persons have contributed to this Constitution, the Secretary shall make a fair estimate of what they have paid, and give them that standing in the Society to which they are thus entitled according to the class which they may elect to enter.

ART. 5. Every Clerical member, who shall marry more than once, shall pay one year's subscription extraordinary at every such marriage.

ART. 6. If a Clergyman become disabled or die, and of such disability the Society shall judge, he or his family shall be entitled to an annuity thus proportioned, viz: *three* times the amount of his annual subscription if he has made *five* payments.

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| 4 | times the amount, | if he has made | more than 5, | less than 10. |
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Should any Clerical member being still connected with the Diocese, choose to withdraw from the Society he shall receive no compensation for the money which he has contributed; but his widow and children shall be entitled to 10 per cent. upon the money contributed, which shall be paid as an annuity for the period, and under the conditions prescribed in the case of other annuities. Each contributor shall abide by that class which he first entered, except upon the following conditions: If he desire to go from a lower to a higher class, he shall pay the difference between his former and his new rate of subscription, for all the years during which he has paid the smaller sum, together with interest thereon, computed at the compound rates. If he change from a higher to a lower class he shall be repaid the difference between his two rates of subscription during the term of his subscribing without any interest thereon.

ART. 7. Annuities shall be paid widows during life, unless they marry again; in which case, their annuities shall cease, and fall to their children entirely, if they have any, agreeable to the laws of the Society; and children, if males, shall enjoy annuities until they be twenty-one years old: and if females, until they be twenty-five years old, unless they previously marry, upon which their annuities shall cease.

ART. 8. If there be a child and no widow, such child shall be entitled to the whole annuity, during the time that he or she continues to be an annuitant; but if there be more than one child, and no widow, the annuity shall be equally divided among them

until they severally marry, or exceed the age of annuitants, which annuity shall be laid out in their education or apprenticeship, with the advice of such guardian or executor as the father may have nominated, and if none such shall have been nominated by the father, then in such manner for the benefit of the child or children as the Society shall direct.

ART. 9. If there be a widow and one child, the annuity shall be equally divided between them; but if the widow should marry or die before the child shall have attained (if a male) twenty-one years, or if a female, twenty-five, the whole of the annuity shall belong to such child during the period to which he or she may be entitled thereto; and if the child should die before the mother, or when the child may come to the age herein prescribed, the whole of the annuity shall go to the mother, she having remained a widow, and shall be enjoyed by her during the period of her natural life if she remain a widow, but if she should marry again, nothing shall be paid her after the period of her marriage. If there be a widow and two or more children, the widow shall have one-third during her widowhood or natural life, and the remainder shall be equally divided among the children, and if a child should die, or when such may arrive at the age of twenty-one years, if a male, or twenty-five, if a female, his or her share shall be enjoyed by the remaining children till the males or male arrive at the age of twenty-one, and the females or female at the age of twenty-five, *Provided*, always, that when death shall have reduced the number of children to one, or the arrival of the children at the ages herein prescribed, shall have reduced the children entitled to annuities to the number of one, the annuity shall be equally divided between such child and the widow during the period of her natural life, or of her remaining a widow; and that if death should remove all the children, or when they may have arrived at the ages herein prescribed, the whole of the annuity go to the widow, if she be still alive and remaining a widow, and be enjoyed by her during the period of her natural life, or the term of her widowhood. But it shall be always lawful for a member of the Society to make such disposition by his will, of the rights to which his subscriptions may have entitled his family, as he may see fit.

ART. 10. The donations already made, or which may be hereafter made to this Society, together with the subscriptions of lay-members, shall constitute a separate fund. The benefit of it shall be applied to such Clergymen and their families as shall be in special need, whether or not they have been members of this Society, as may, from time to time, seem expedient: *Provided*, however, that no portion of the funds of the Society shall be expended for the relief of any person whatever, until its entire capital shall have reached the sum of *five thousand dollars*, nor shall the Society at any time appropriate more than its yearly income.

ART. 11. Whenever any Parish shall have contributed an

amount, the interest of which will be equal to that necessary to entitle a member of the Society to claim assistance from the funds, the Minister or Rector of the Parish, for the time being, shall be the beneficiary of said fund. But this right is to enure to the Parish, and not to be transferred or lost by the removal of the Minister or Rector.

ART. 12. This Constitution may be altered at an annual meeting, by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

BY-LAWS.

1. The Society shall hold its annual meeting upon the second day of the session of the Diocesan Convention.

2. A Sermon shall be preached and a collection taken up in furtherance of its objects at each Convention; the Preacher and an Alternate to be designated twelve months beforehand by the President of the Society.

3. Every Clergyman connected with the Society, shall bring its claims to the attention of his congregation once a year, and take a collection in furtherance of its objects.

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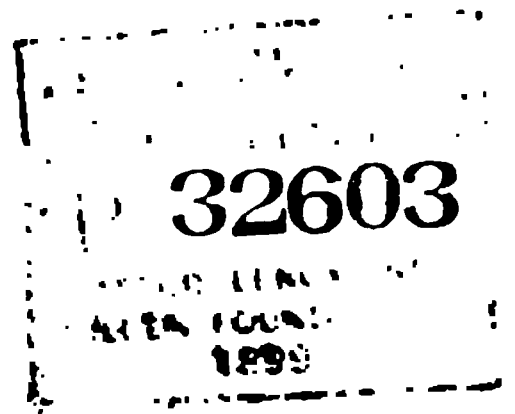
HELD IN ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, GREENSBORO',

On the 10th, 11th and 12th of May, A. D. 1855.

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List of Clergy in the Diocese of Alabama.

IN ATTENDANCE.

- Rt. Rev. N. H. COBBS, D. D.,**.....St. John's Church, Montgomery.
- Rev. J. M. BANISTER,**.....St. Paul's Church, Greensboro'.
- " **R. A. COBBS,**.....St. John's Church, Tuscumbia.
- " **GEO. F. CUSHMAN,**.....St. Luke's Church, Cahaba.
- " **WM. J. ELLIS,**.....Union Parish, Uniontown.
- " **F. R. HANSON,**.....Trinity Church, Demopolis.
- " **H. C. LAY,**.....Church of the Nativity, Huntsville.
- " **B. B. LEACOCK,**.....Christ Church, Mobile.
- " **F. B. LEE,**.....St. Paul's Church, Carlowville.
- " **J. A. MASSEY,**.....Trinity Church, Mobile.
- " **J. M. MITCHELL, (Assistant Minister,)**St. John's Church, Montgomery.
- " **THOS. A. MORRIS,** Missionary in Marshal Co., Postoffice, Guntersville.
- " ***R. D. NEVIUS,**.....St. David's Church, Dallas County.
- " **WM. H. PLATT,**.....St. Paul's Church, Selma.
- " **J. B. RAMSDELL, (Deacon,)**
St. Peter's Church, Lowndes County ; Postoffice, Benton.
- " **S. U. SMITH,**.....St. Stephen's Church, Eutaw.
- " **WM. A. STICKNEY,**.....St. Wilfrid's Church, Marion.
- " **JAS. H. TICKNOR,**.....St. James' Church, Livingston.

NOT IN ATTENDANCE.

- " **THOS. A. COOK,**.....Missionary, Talladega.
- " **J. H. INGRAHAM,**.....St. John's Church, Mobile.
- " **J. M. ROBERTSON,**.....Missionary near Huntsville.
- " **L. R. STAUDENMAYER,**.....St. James' Church, Eufaula.
- " **T. F. WARDWELL,**.....Trinity Church, Florence.

* Since accepted a call to Christ Church, Tuscaloosa.



List of Lay Delegates.

Christ Church, Mobile—

WM. H. ROSS,
J. W. FIELD,
J. A. M. BATTLE,
H. A. SCHROEDER,
*W. MORETON DYER.

Christ Church, Tuscaloosa—

*E. W. PECK,
*HENRY A. SNOW,
*J. N. CHADDOCK,
*S. J. LEACH,
*A. S. NICHOLSON.

St. Paul's Church, Greensboro.—

*ISAAC CROOK,
*C. L. STICKNEY,
*SYDENHAM MOORE,
*J. G. HAVRY,
*A. BENNER.

St. Paul's Church, Carlowville—

*H. L. ALBION,
J. M. LEE,
W. W. LANG,
THOS. A. DEAR,
BENJ. REYNOLDS.

St. James' Church, Livingston—

*L. H. ANDERSON,
T. F. MAURY,
S. CHAPMAN,
H. R. THORNTON.

St. John's Church, Montgomery—

THOS. B. TAYLOR,
*M. J. CONLEY,
R. A. COLCLOUGH,
P. T. SAYRE,
E. A. GAUSE.

St. Wilfrid's Church, Marion—

*J. D. PHELPS,
ROBERT JONES,
L. H. SEWELL,
*L. N. WALTHALL,
E. L. STICKNEY.

St. Paul's Church, Selma—

W. WADDIL, JR.,
ISAIAH MORRAN,
A. L. HADEN,
B. B. HOTCHKISS,
C. D. PARKE.

St. Luke's Church, Cahaba—

E. M. PERINE,
N. H. DAWSON,
MATTHEW TROY.

Trinity Church, Demopolis—

F. S. LYON,
*GAIUS WHITFIELD,
N. B. WHITFIELD.

St. David's Church, Dallas County—

*A. W. ELLERRE.

St. Andrew's Church, Macon—

*JAMES H. DUBOSE,
*H. A. TAYLOR,
A. R. JONES.

Union Parish, Uniontown—

*J. M. LANGHORNE,
W. JOHNSTON,
WM. PITTS,
THOS. W. WALTHALL,
R. NICHOLSON.

St. Stephen's Church, Eutaw—

*WM. F. PIERCE,
VICTOR M. RANDOLPH,
GARDNER ELLIOT,
*CHAS. A. VAN DOONE,
*F. RICHARDSON.

Trinity Church, Mobile—

C. A. BRADFORD,
T. LESBENE,
C. C. HAZARD.

St. Mark's Church, Greene County—

H. LITTLE,
J. L. BOYMAN,
P. C. LIGHTFOOT.

St. Michael's Church, Marengo Co.—

DAVID MINGE,
EDWIN SHIELDS,
T. A. HARRISON,
*R. C. DUBOSE.

St. Mary's Church, Camden—

*H. E. CURTIS,
S. B. MATTHEWE,
J. F. DORTCH,
*JAS. S. STORRS.

Those marked thus () were in attendance.

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THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CONVENTION.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, GREENSBORO', }
Thursday, May 10, 1855. }

THIS being the time and place appointed for the meeting of the Twenty-Fourth Annual Convention of the Diocese of Alabama, Divine Service commenced at 11 o'clock, A. M. Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. F. B. LEE, and the Communion Service by the Right Rev. Bishop of the Diocese. The Sermon was preached by the Rev. R. A. COBBS, from 1st Corinthians, 14th chapter, 8th verse: "*For if the trumpet give an uncertain sound, who shall prepare himself to the battle.*"

The Holy Communion was administered by the Bishop, assisted in the distribution of the elements by the Rev. J. M. BANISTER.

After the Benediction, the Convention was called to order by the Rt. Rev. N. H. COBBS, D. D. The Bishop then presented the list of the Clergy *canonically* connected with the Diocese.

Rt. Rev. N. H. COBBS, D. D., Bishop, Rector of St. John's Church, Montgomery.

Rev. J. M. BANISTER, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Greensboro'.

- " R. A. COBBS, Rector of St. John's Church, Tuscumbia.
- " THOS. A. COOK, Missionary, Talladega.
- " G. F. CUSHMAN, Rector of St. Luke's Church, Cahaba.
- " WM. J. ELLIS, Rector of Union Parish and St. Michael's.
- " F. R. HANSON, Rector of Trinity Church, Demopolis, and St. Andrew's Church, Macon.
- " WM. JOHNSON, Residing near Tuskaloosa.
- " J. H. INGRAHAM, Rector of St. John's Church, Mobile.
- " H. C. LAY, Rector of Church of the Nativity, Huntsville.
- " F. B. LEE, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Carlowville.
- " B. B. LEACOCK, Rector of Christ Church, Mobile.
- " J. A. MASSEY, Rector of Trinity Church, Mobile.
- " J. M. MITCHELL, Assistant Rector of St. John's Church, Montgomery.
- " THOS. A. MORRIS, Missionary in Jackson, Marshall and St. Clair Counties.

Rev. R. D. NEVIUS,* Rector of St. David's Church, Dallas County.

" Wm. H. PLATT, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Selma.

" J. M. ROBERTSON, Missionary in Madison and Limestone Counties.

" J. B. RAMSDELL, Deacon, Missionary in Lowndes County.

" L. R. STAUDENMAYER, Deacon, St. James' Church, Eufaula.

" S. U. SMITH, Rector of St. Stephen's Church, Eutaw.

" W. A. STICKNEY, Rector of St. Wilfrid's Church, Marion.

" J. H. TICKNOR, Rector of St. James' Church, Livingston.

" T. F. WARDWELL, Rector of Trinity Church, Florence.

And the following list of Clergy, *entitled* to seats under the Constitution of the Diocese of Alabama:

Rt. Rev. N. H. COBBS, D. D.

Rev. J. M. BANISTER,
" R. A. COBBS,
" THOS. A. COOK,
" GEO. F. CUSHMAN,
" Wm. J. ELLIS,
" J. H. INGRAHAM,
" F. R. HANSON,
" H. C. LAY,
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" F. B. LEE,

Rev. J. A. MASSEY,
" J. M. MITCHELL,
" T. A. MORRIS,
" R. D. NEVIUS,
" Wm. H. PLATT,
" J. B. RAMSDELL, Deacon,
" J. M. ROBERTSON,
" S. U. SMITH,
" Wm. A. STICKNEY,
" J. H. TICKNOR.

HENRY A. TAYLOR was chosen Secretary pro tem.

The names of the Clergy being called, the following were found to be in attendance.

Rt. Rev. N. H. COBBS, D. D.

Rev. J. M. BANISTER,
" R. A. COBBS,
" GEO. F. CUSHMAN,
" Wm. J. ELLIS,
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" R. D. NEVIUS,
" Wm. H. PLATT,
" J. B. RAMSDELL, Deacon,
" S. U. SMITH,
" Wm. A. STICKNEY.

The list of Parishes was then called, and Certificates of Election were presented and referred to a Committee upon Certificates of Election, consisting of Rev. Messrs. LEE, CUSHMAN and PLATT.

The Committee upon Certificates of Election, having examined the same, report them in due form.

St. Stephen's Church, Eutaw.—Wm. F. Pierce, Victor M. Randolph, Gardner Elliott, Charles A. Van Doone, F. Richardson.

St. Paul's Church, Greensboro'.—Isaac Croom, C. L. Stickney, Sydenham Moore, John G. Harvey, A. Benners.

* Since accepted a call to Christ Church, Tuscaloosa.

St. Wilfrid's Church, Marion.—John D. Phelan, Robert Jones, L. H. Sewell, Leonidas N. Walthall, E. L. Stickney.

St. Paul's Church, Selma.—Wm. Waddil, Jr., Isaiah Morgan, A. L. Haden, B. B. Hotchkiss, C. D. Parke.

St. David's Church, Dallas County.—A. W. Ellerbe.

St. Mark's Church, Greene County.—Holland Little, Joseph L. Boyman, Phillip C. Lightfoot.

St. Andrew's Church, Macon.—James H. Dubose, A. R. Jones, H. A. Tayloe.

Christ Church, Mobile.—Wm. H. Ross, J. W. Field, J. A. M. Battle, H. A. Schroeder, W. Moreton Dyer.

St. Luke's Church, Cahaba.—E. M. Perine, N. H. Dawson, Matthew Troy.

St. Paul's Church, Carlowville.—H. L. Alison, J. M. Lee, W. W. Lang, Thos. A. Deas, Benj. Reynolds.

St. John's Church, Montgomery.—Thos. B. Taylor, M. J. Conley, R. A. Colclough, P. T. Sayre, E. A. Gause.

Trinity Church, Mobile.—C. A. Bradford, T. Lesesne, C. C. Hazard.

St. James' Church, Livingston.—L. H. Anderson, Thomas F. Maury, Samuel Chapman, Henry R. Thornton.

Christ Church, Tuscaloosa.—E. W. Peck, Henry A. Snow, J. N. Craddock, S. J. Leach, Andrew S. Nicholson.

Trinity Church, Demopolis.—F. S. Lyon, Gaius Whitfield, Nathan B. Whitfield.

Their names being called, the following Delegates were found in attendance :

Messrs. WM. F. PIERCE,
ISAAC CROOM,
C. L. STICKNEY,
SYDENHAM MOORE,
JOHN G. HARVEY,
A. BENNERS,
J. D. PHELAN,
L. N. WALTHALL,
A. W. ELLERBE,
JAMES H. DUBOSE,

Messrs. HENRY A. TAYLOE,
W. MORETON DYER,
H. L. ALISON,
M. J. CONLEY,
L. H. ANDERSON,
E. W. PECK,
H. A. SNOW,
J. N. CRADDOCK,
S. J. LEACH,
ANDREW S. NICHOLSON.

A Constitutional quorum being present, the President declared the Convention duly organized.

On motion, HENRY A. TAYLOE, was unanimously chosen Secretary.

The President appointed the Rev. Messrs. MASSEY, STICKNEY and SMITH, a Committee on the Admission of New Parishes.

An application was made from St. Mary's Church, Camden, to be admitted into union, and referred to the Committee on the Admission of New Parishes.

We, whose names are hereunto affixed, deeply impressed with the importance of the Christian Religion, and earnestly desiring to promote its holy influence in the hearts and lives of ourselves, our families and our neighbors, do hereby associate ourselves together under the name and style and title of the Parish of St. Mary's Church, Camden, Wilcox county, and State of Alabama, and by so doing, do adopt the Constitution and Canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the United States of America.

Agreeably to Canon XI, of 1850, we certify to the Convention of the Diocese of Alabama, that the above recited Articles of Association have been duly signed by the members of the Parish of St. Mary's Church, Camden, Wilcox county, Alabama.

F. K. BECK, Chairman.

H. KENNEWORTH, Secretary.

CAMDEN, Wilcox County, Alabama, March 20th, 1855.

The Committee on the Admission of New Parishes reported the application in due form, and recommended its admission into union.

On motion, *Resolved*, That St. Mary's Church, Camden, be admitted into union with the Diocese.

The Certificate of Election of Delegates from St. Mary's Church, Camden, having been reported in due form by the Committee, their names were called :

Messrs. H. E. CURTIS, S. B. MATTHEWS, J. F. DORTCH, JAS. S. STORRS.

Messrs. CURTIS and STORRS answered thereto.

On motion, *Resolved*, That any Clergyman of the Protestant Episcopal Church, not canonically connected with the Diocese, and candidates for Orders, be invited to seats in the Convention, and report their names to the Secretary.

The Rev. J. J. SCOTT, D. D., of the Diocese of Florida, and and Messrs. MENÆAS, and GEO. W. STICKNEY, Candidates for Orders, took their seats.

On motion, the Convention adjourned until 5 o'clock, P. M.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, GREENSBORO', 5 o'clock, P. M.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

The President appointed the following Standing Committees :

Committee on the state of the Church.—Rev. Messrs. LEE, HANSON, LAY, MASSEY, ELLIS, STICKNEY, CUSHMAN and PLATT.

Committee on Finance.—Messrs. ELLERBE, PIERCE, PHELAN, ANDERSON, ALISON, CURTIS, CROOM, SNOW, DUBOSE, DYER and TAYLOR.

Committee on Unfinished Business.—Rev. Messrs. MITCHELL, SMITH and NEVIUS.

The annual Communication of the Standing Committee of the Diocese was read by the Secretary :

The Standing Committee of the Diocese beg leave to report that they were duly organized by the choice of Rev. J. A. MASSEY, President, and Rev. GEO. F. CUSHMAN, Secretary. They have given their Canonical consent to the election of Rt. Rev. JACKSON KEMPER, D. D., as Bishop of the Diocese of Wisconsin, and to the election and consecration of Rev. HENRY W. LEE, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese of Iowa. They have recommended to the Bishop, for the Holy Order of Priests, Rev. STEPHEN R. WRIGHT, and Rev. J. B. RAMSDALL, Deacons.

They have recommended to the Bishop for the Holy Order of Deacons, Professor F. A. P. BARNARD and L. R. STAUDENMAYER.

They have signed the testimonials of Mr. S. J. PINKERTON, late a Minister of the Cambellite persuasion; of W. F. DAVIDSON, and THOMAS J. BEARD applying to be admitted Candidates for Holy Orders.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

GEO. F. CUSHMAN, Secretary.

On motion the Rules of Order were suspended as to the reading of the Bishop's Annual Address.

On motion, the reading of the Bishop's Annual Address was postponed until immediately after Divine Service, to-morrow.

The accounts of the Treasurer were presented and referred to the Committee on Finance.

BISHOP'S FUND in account with H. A. TAYLOR, Treasurer.

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| " " | To cash paid Rt. Rev. N. H. Cobbs,. | \$2,038 80 | |
| " 31.— | By St. James' Church, Eufaula,.... | | 15 00 |
| July 1.— | By Christ Church, Mobile,..... | | 57 20 |
| " " | To Cash paid Rt. Rev. N. H. Cobbs,. | 78 00 | |
| 1855.—Feb. 12.— | By St. James's Church, Eufaula,... | | 5 00 |
| " " | To Cash paid Rt. Rev. N. H. Cobbs,. | 5 00 | |
| " 24.— | By Union Parish, Perry County,... | | 35 00 |
| " " | To Cash paid Rt. Rev. N. H. Cobbs,. | 35 00 | |
| March 10.— | By St. Michael's Church,..... | | 50 00 |
| " " | By Union Parish,..... | | 27 50 |
| " " | To Cash paid Rt. Rev. N. H. Cobbs,. | 77 50 | |
| April 2.— | By St. John's Church, Tusculumbia,... | | 25 00 |
| " " | To Cash paid Rt. Rev. N. H. Cobbs,. | 25 00 | |
| May 7.— | By Union Parish, Perry County,... | | 13 00 |
| " 10.— | By Trinity Church, Florence,..... | | 25 00 |
| " " | By St. John's Church, Eufaula,.... | | 5 00 |
| " " | To Cash paid Rt. Rev. N. H. Cobbs,. | 46 20 | |
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| | | \$2,300 50 | \$2,300 50 |

CONTINGENT FUND, *in account with* H. A. TAYLOR, *Treasurer.*

| | | Dr. | Cr. |
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| 1854.—May | 5.—To Balance..... | \$ 10 05 | |
| " | 13.—By amount received at Convention, see abstract 1854,..... | | \$107 07 |
| July | 13.—To Cash paid Benjamin, Farrow & Co., for printing Journals,..... | 128 14 | |
| " | 29.—To postage on Journals,..... | 3 15 | |
| | By Christ Church, Wetumpka,..... | | 50 |
| 1855.—April | 11.—To Cash paid Farrow, Stokes & Dennett, for printing Parochial Forms, .. | 3 50 | |
| May | 1.—To postage,..... | 1 00 | |
| " | To Balance,..... | | 38 27 |
| | | <u>\$145 84</u> | <u>\$145 84</u> |

Rt. Rev. N. H. COBBS, D. D.,

In account with the DIOCESE OF ALABAMA.

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| 1854.—May | 13.—By Balance,..... | | 9 70 |
| | By Salary,..... | | \$2,250 00 |
| " | " To Cash,..... | \$2,038 80 | |
| July | 1.—To Cash,..... | 73 00 | |
| 1855.—Feb. | 12.—To Cash,..... | 5 00 | |
| " | 24.—To Cash,..... | 35 00 | |
| March | 10.—To Cash,..... | 77 50 | |
| April | 2.—To Cash received at Tuscumbia,... | 25 00 | |
| May | 10.—To Cash,..... | 46 20 | |
| | To Balance,..... | | 40 80 |
| | | <u>\$2,300 50</u> | <u>\$2,300 50</u> |
| May | 10.—To Balance,..... | 40 80 | |

On motion, the Convention proceeded to the election of the Standing Committee of the Diocese.

Rev. Messrs. NEVIUS and SMITH were appointed tellers.

After counting the ballots, Rev. Messrs. MASSEY, CUSHMAN and MITCHELL, of the Clergy, and Messrs. LEBESNE and CONLEY, of the Laity, having a majority of the votes cast, were declared duly elected members of the Standing Committee.

There being a default in the election of one Lay Member of the Standing Committee, on motion, balloting being dispensed with, S. G. JONES, of Montgomery, was nominated and elected to fill the vacancy.

The following resolution was offered and rejected :

Resolved, That a Committee of three Clergymen and three Laymen be appointed to consider and report as to the right of the Rev. WM. JOHNSON to a seat in this Convention.

On motion, the Convention adjourned until half-past 8 o'clock, to-morrow.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, GREENSBORO', }
Friday, 8½ o'clock, A. M. }

Convention met pursuant to adjournment. After prayer by the Rt. Rev. President, and call of the roll, the minutes of yesterday were read, amended and approved.

Rev. J. H. TICKNOR appeared and took his seat.

Certificates of Election from Union Parish and St. Michael's Church, Marengo County, were presented and referred to the appropriate Committee.

The Committee on Certificates of Election reported them in due form, to wit :

Union Parish, Uniontown.—J. M. Langhorne, Wm. Johnston, Wm. Pitts, Thos. W. Walthall and Robert Nicholson.

St. Michael's Church.—David Minge, Edwin Shields and Thos. A. Harrison.

Parochial Reports were then called for and read :

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| ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, GREENSBORO'.—Rev. J. M. BANISTER, Rector. | |
| Baptisms—White, adults, 4, infants, 9,..... | Total, 13 |
| Colored—Adults, | 1 |
| Confirmations—White, | 11 |
| Marriages—White, | 3 |
| Deaths—White, | 5 |
| Communicants—White, at the last report, 61, died, 1, removed, 2, | present number, 73 |
| Sunday Schools—Teachers, | 5 |
| Communion administered, | about 14 |
| Communion Offerings, | \$128 00 |
| Collections—Diocesan Missions, | 17 50 |
| Domestic " | 226 00 |

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, MONTGOMERY.

Rt. Rev. N. H. COBB, D. D., Rector.

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| Baptisms—White, adults, 4, infants, 27,..... | Total, 31 |
| Colored, adults, 3, infants, 4,..... | " 7 |
| Confirmations—White, | 11 |
| Marriages—White, 6, colored, 1, | Total, 7 |
| Deaths—White, 15, colored, 1, | " 16 |
| Communicants—White, at the last report, 110, Died, 1, removed, 10 | present number, 115 |
| Colored, at the last report, 4, | " 4 |
| Sunday Schools—Teachers, 16, scholars, white, 105, | Total, 121 |
| Library Books, | 500 |
| Communion administered, | 14 |
| Communion Offerings, | \$242 38 |
| Collections—Diocesan Missions, | 58 00 |
| Domestic " | 32 00 |
| Foreign, " | 31 00 |
| For Church purposes generally, | 116 50 |

Time spent in the Parish, in the performance of its regular duties, since last report, twelve months.

Besides Sundays, services have been held in the Parish on Litany Days, and on all days for which the Prayer Book contains an Epistle and Gospel, and daily during the season of Lent.

The new Church in this Parish, reported at the last Convention, as then just commenced, is now nearly finished, and is a very substantial and elegant edifice; and although more than twice as large as the old Church, fears are already entertained that it may not prove large enough for even the immediate wants of the constantly increasing congregation.

Arrangements have been made to retain the old Church for the use of the colored congregation.

The Parochial Charity School is still continued by the persevering, voluntary labors of several young ladies of the Parish, teaching in rotation, two at a time, and two weeks each, and is doing much good.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, TUSCUMBIA.—Rev. R. A. CORRA, Rector.

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| Baptisms—White, adults, 2, infants, 6,..... | Total, 8 |
| Confirmations—White,..... | 2 |
| Marriages—White,..... | 2 |
| Communicants—White, at the last report, 26, removed, 1, .present number, 31 | |
| Sunday Schools—Teachers, 3, scholars, 20,..... | Total, 23 |
| Library Books,..... | 150 |
| Communion administered,..... | 18 |
| Communion Offerings,..... | \$38 05 |
| Collections—Diocesan Missions,..... | 11 00 |
| Domestic "..... | 11 00 |
| Foreign "..... | 18 00 |
| For Church purposes generally,..... | 82 00 |

Time spent in the Parish, in the performance of its regular duties, since last report, eleven months.

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, CAHABA.—Rev. GEO. F. CUSHMAN, Rector.

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| Baptisms—White, adults, 1, infants, 5,..... | Total, 6 |
| Colored, infants,..... | *8 |
| Confirmations—White,..... | 3 |
| Marriages—White, 1, colored, 1,..... | Total, 2 |
| Deaths—White,..... | 4 |
| Communicants—White, at the last report, 18, removed, 4, .present number, 21 | |
| Sunday Schools—Teachers 3, scholars, white, 21,..... | Total, 24 |
| Library Books,..... | 100 |
| Communion administered,..... | 10 |
| Communion Offerings,..... | \$ 41 80 |
| Collections—Diocesan Missions,..... | 5 |
| Domestic "..... | 5 |
| Foreign "..... | 2 |
| For Church purposes generally,..... | 244 92 |

Time spent in the Parish, in the performance of its regular duties, since last report, twelve months.

The collections above reported are exclusive of the considerable sums which have been raised for the payment of the debt assumed by the Vestry—a debt which we trust another year will see entirely extinguished. The Church has been opened for Divine Service upon all Sundays, Fast and Festival Days, when not providentially hindered. In part of September and all October, it was closed in consequence of the Rector being disabled by an attack of yellow fever, which brought him to the doors of death.

* At St. John's in the Wilderness, Russel county.

The ladies of the Congregation, with praiseworthy zeal, have furnished the church with a suitable bell, and have otherwise shewn a lively interest in the prosperity and increase of the Parish.

The Rector desires publicly to acknowledge his obligations to a Parish which has not only met its engagements to him with a punctuality most commendable, but has also added a handsome surplus to the year's salary.

It will be almost impossible ever to have this Parish represented in the Convention—which always occurs during the session of the Dallas Court. There are four Churches in this county, and another springing into life, and it would seem as if the time of holding Convention might very properly be better adapted to so large a proportion of the Church population of the Diocese.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, CAMDEN.—Rev. GEO. F. CUSHMAN, Missionary.

Baptisms—White, adults, 2, infants, 3,.....Total, 5
 Confirmations—White,.....2
 Communicants,.....present number, 11

The first Episcopal service ever held in Camden, was on the 20th of February last, at which time the Missionary visited the place by invitation. He found a number of persons favorably disposed to the Church, and anxious to erect an edifice and call a Minister. They were organized into a Parish by the name of St. Mary's Church, Camden, on the 20th of March. The first baptism, and the first confirmation, according to rites of our Church, were administered on the 18th of April. The corner-stone of the proposed Church was laid on the 3d of May, by the Missionary, who also delivered the address. The Church will be proceeded with at once, and will undoubtedly be ready for consecration before the next Convention. The Parish starts under most favorable auspices and promises to add largely to the strength of the Diocese.

The Missionary desires to return his thanks to Rev. F. B. LEE and Rev. R. D. NEVINS, for much kindly assistance.

To St. Mary's Parish he is under obligations for the courtesy with which he has been received, and as the best return he can make, he hopes soon to be able to resign the charge into the hands of a permanent Rector.

UNION PARISH, UNIONTOWN.—Rev. W. J. ELLIS, Rector.

Baptisms—White, infants,.....1
 Communicants—White, at the last report, 50, removed, 2, .present number, 49
 Communions administered,.....3
 Communion Offerings,.....\$ 9 75
 Collections—For Church purposes generally, (building).....1,200 00

Time spent in the Parish, in the performance of its regular duties, every alternate Sunday of four months.

The Minister of this Parish simply adopts the report on last year's Journal, deducting the removals. He holds occasional services at Dayton, where there has been one Confirmation and two infant Baptisms.

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH, MARENGO CO.—Rev. W. J. ELLIS, Minister.

Baptisms—Colored, infants,.....42
 Communicants,.....present number, 4
 Communions administered,.....2
 Communion Offerings,.....\$18 65

Time spent in the Parish, in the performance of its regular duties, every alternate Sunday of four months.

The Minister alternates between Union Parish and this one. The Churches are six miles apart.

TRINITY CHURCH, DEMOPOLIS.—Rev. F. R. HANSON, Rector.

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| Baptisms—White, infants,..... | 1 |
| Marriages—White,..... | 2 |
| Communicants—White, at the last report, 11,.....present number, 13 | |
| Sunday Schools—Teachers, 5, scholars, white, 80,.....Total, 85 | |
| Communion administered,..... | 6 |
| Communion Offerings,..... | \$15 00 |
| Collections—Diocesan Missions,..... | 6 70 |
| For Church purposes generally,..... | 16 80 |

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, MACON.—Rev. FRANCIS R. HANSON, Rector.

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| Baptisms—White, infants,..... | 4 |
| Confirmations—White,..... | 2 |
| Deaths—White,..... | 3 |
| Communicants—White, at the last report, 17, removed 4, ..present number, 17 | |
| Communion administered,..... | 6 |
| Communion Offerings,..... | \$18 20 |
| Collections—Diocesan Missions,..... | 8 50 |
| For Church purposes generally,..... | \$18 85 |

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, MOBILE.—Rev. J. H. INGRAHAM, Rector.

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| Baptisms—White, adults, 13, infants, 103,.....Total, 116 | |
| Colored, infants,..... | 8 |
| Confirmations—White,..... | 7 |
| Marriages—White,..... | 11 |
| Deaths—White,..... | 20 |
| Communicants—White, at the last report, 72, died, 1, removed, 10, ..present number, 155 | |
| Sunday Schools—Teachers, 21, scholars, white, 150,.....Total, 171 | |
| Library Books,..... | 280 |
| Communion administered,..... | 11 |
| Communion Offerings,..... | \$148 85 |
| Collections—Domestic Missions,..... | 17 60 |
| For Church purposes generally..... | 847 43 |

Time spent in the Parish, in the performance of its regular duties, since last Report, eleven months.

There have been extra donations through the Alm's Box placed at the Church door, and other sources, of \$117 80 for the poor.

The number of families on the Parish Register, in regular attendance, is one hundred and thirty-five; while there are others attending the Church Services, and also many young men, who have not yet fully identified themselves with the Parish.

By means of a Fair recently held, the ladies realised a little under \$1000, towards a Parsonage, which will soon be commenced. The land for this purpose was bought by three gentlemen, at a cost of \$700, and presented to the vestry.

The expenses of the Parish are about \$2,500 per annum. This sum is collected, primarily, by the Offertory twice a Sunday; and what is lacking is subscribed by the Vestry, whose individual contributions to reach last year's deficit, were seven hundred dollars. Recently a plan of voluntary assessment has been entered upon, by which the contributions towards any called-for balance will be more equally distributed among the Parishioners at large.

No debt whatever exists against the Parish. With a Vestry composed of eleven gentlemen, all Communicants of the Church, ever ready to co-operate with and sustain the Rector in his work to carry out fully the Free Seat sys-

tem in this new and interesting field, and looking over to the Great Head of the Church for His gracious aid, the Rector humbly hopes that this Church, erected by a few faithful Christian men, (who counted not their money dear to them for the Gospel's sake) will be "none other than the House of God and gate of Heaven" to many souls.

CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY, HUNTSVILLE.—Rev. H. C. LAY, Rector.

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| Baptisms—White, adults, 2, infants, 9,..... | Total, 11 |
| Colored, adults, 1, infants, 5,..... | " 6 |
| Confirmations—White,..... | 3 |
| Marriages—White, 2, colored, 3,..... | Total, 5 |
| Deaths—White, 5, colored, 2,..... | " 7 |
| Communicants—White, at the last report, 47, removed, 4, ..present number, 51 | |
| Colored, at the last report, 1,..... | " 1 |
| Sunday Schools—Teachers, 8, scholars, white, 40,..... | Total, 48 |
| Communion administered—Monthly, and on the great Festivals. | |
| Communion Offerings,..... | \$105 55 |
| Collections—Diocesan Missions,..... | 23 00 |
| Domestic "..... | 50 00 |
| Foreign "..... | 20 00 |
| For Missions in North Alabama,..... | 125 00 |
| Thank Offerings,..... | 27 00 |

Time spent in the Parish, in the performance of its regular duties, since last report, ten and a half months.

In addition to three persons above reported as confirmed, five others have been admitted to the Communion, three of whom have been Confirmed in other Dioceses. The Rector has also baptised two infants in the Diocese of Virginia.

The state of this Parish is more encouraging now than at any previous period of its history. The Rector thankfully acknowledges many evidences of personal kindness, and also of earnest sympathy with him in the work entrusted to his charge. He believes that there now exists in the congregation a hearty appreciation of the benign influence of the Church, and a serious purpose to extend its influence.

CHRIST CHURCH, MOBILE.—Rev. B. B. LEACOCK, Rector.

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| Baptisms—White, adults, 8, infants, 28,..... | Total, 46 |
| Colored, adults, 1, infants, 7,..... | " 8 |
| Confirmations—White,..... | 29 |
| Marriages—White, 8, colored, 1,..... | Total, 9 |
| Deaths—White,..... | 12 |
| Communicants—White, at the last report, 178, died, 2, removed, 18, | |
|present number, 198 | |
| Colored, at the last report, 1, removed, 1. | |
| Sunday Schools—Teachers, 17, scholars, white, 140,..... | Total, 157 |
| Library Books,..... | 300 |
| Communions administered,..... | 14 |
| Communion Offerings,..... | \$577 21 |
| Collections—Diocesan Missions,..... | 65 20 |
| Domestic "..... | 140 15 |
| Foreign "..... | 116 00 |
| Soc. M. C. Jews,..... | 75 00 |
| Church of the Good Shepherd,..... | 352 50 |
| For Church purposes generally,..... | 160 73 |

Time spent in the Parish, in the performance of its regular duties, since last report, twelve months.

During the past year the Churches in Mobile have combined, for the formation of a Church for the servants, called "The Church of the Good Shepherd." The interest which the colored people take in this enterprise is gratifying and encouraging. We are indebted to the Bishop of the Diocese for \$150 towards carrying out the objects of this Mission.

Within a few months, the ladies of this Parish have formed a Sewing Society, which promises to be very efficient and useful.

CHRIST CHURCH, TUSKALOOSA.—Rev. WM. JOHNSON.

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| Baptisms—White, infants,..... | 2 |
| Colored, infants,..... | 2 |
| Marriages—White,..... | 2 |
| Deaths—White, 1, colored, 1,..... | Total, 2 |
| Communicants—White, at the last report, 65, died, 2, removed, 12, added, 8 | |
| Colored, at the last report,..... | 10 |

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, CARLOWVILLE.—Rev. F. BREKMAN LEE, Rector

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| Baptisms—White, infants,..... | 6 |
| Colored, infants,..... | 10 |
| Confirmations—White, 1, colored, 2,..... | Total, 3 |
| Marriages—White,..... | 1 |
| Communicants—White, at the last report, 89,..... | present number, 44 |
| Colored, at the last report, 3,..... | " " 5 |
| Sunday Schools—Teachers, 6, scholars, white, 20, colored, 20,..... | Total, 46 |
| Library Books,..... | 145 |
| Communion administered,..... | 12 |
| Communion Offerings,..... | \$25 55 |
| Collections—Diocesan Missions,..... | 51 35 |
| Domestic "..... | 17 60 |
| Society Widows and Orphans of Clergymen,..... | 68 30 |
| At last Convention, special collection,..... | 21 35 |

Time spent in the Parish, in the performance of its regular duties, since last report, twelve months.

I have continued to divide my services between my home Parish and the County Line congregation since the last report, and in addition to my duty to the white members at these stations have been preaching once a month to the negroes of the plantations in each neighborhood. The future prosperity of the Church is no doubt promoted by this diffusion of labors; but it is equally certain that it is secured by the loss of those benefits which result from more concentrated effort. Whilst, however, such arrangements are necessary we can only hope for the best, and endeavor to obviate the evils which attend upon them.

The congregation at County Line is assuming a settled character, and will probably before very long be established as a distinct Church. The affairs of my home Parish present but little deviation from the ordinary condition, nor are very material changes to be expected during a limited period, in a field so circumscribed.

The Rector desires to acknowledge thus publicly, the donation of a buggy by the young ladies of his Parish, that their considerate liberality may serve as an example to others.

NORTH ALABAMA MISSION.—Rev. T. A. MORRIS, Missionary.

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| Baptisms—White, adults, 5, infants, 18,..... | Total, 23 |
| Deaths—White,..... | 6 |
| Marriages—White,..... | 3 |
| Communicants—White, at the last report, 26, removed, 8, present number, 16 | |
| Communion administered,..... | 9 |

Time spent in the Mission, in the performance of its regular duties, since last report, ten months.

TRINITY CHURCH, MOBILE.—Rev. J. A. MASSEY, Rector.

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| Baptisms—White, adults, 3, infants, 34,..... | Total, 37 |
| Colored, adults, 2, infants, 5,..... | " 7 |
| Confirmations—White, 20, colored, 7,..... | " 27 |
| Marriages—White, 16, colored, 6,..... | " 22 |
| Deaths—White, 45, colored, 3,..... | " 48 |
| Communicants—White, at the last report, 181, died, 3, removed 13, | present number, 187 |
| Sunday Schools—Teachers, 10, scholars, white, 100,..... | Total, 110 |
| Library Books,..... | 139 |
| Communion administered,..... | 19 |
| Communion Offerings,..... | \$91 45 |
| Time spent in the Parish, in the performance of its regular duties, since last report, ten months. | |

Our new Church is not yet finished, but the hope and belief are indulged that it will be by the next Convention.

The increasing interest in the Church, manifested by the colored people, to which allusion was made in my last report, led the Clergy and various members of the Church in Mobile, to determine to secure the services of a Clergyman for the benefit of the servants. Their efforts were soon happily crowned with success, and by the 1st of August the Rev. Mr. Scott, of the Diocese of Florida, had entered upon this most important and promising work. He has been greatly blessed in his labors. And although there is a prospect of losing his very valuable services, yet the hope is entertained that through the instrumentality of Dr. Scott, such an impulse has been given to this much cherished effort for the religious instruction of the colored people, as shall never die.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, ELYTON.

I was requested by the Wardens to report that there are, in this Parish, eight Communicants, two candidates for confirmation, and several infants waiting for baptism. The Church Service has not been celebrated in this Parish for about two years.

T. A. MORRIS.

ST. DAVID'S CHURCH, DALLAS COUNTY.—Rev. R. D. NEVINS, Rector.

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| Baptisms—White, infants,..... | 3 |
| Colored, adults, 7, infants, 10,..... | Total, 17 |
| Confirmations—White, 1, colored, 10,..... | " 11 |
| Marriages—Colored, | 1 |
| Deaths—White, | 3 |
| Communicants—White, at the last report, 13, died, 1,.... | present number, 14 |
| Colored, at the last report, 5,..... | " " 27 |
| Sunday Schools—Teachers, 6, scholars, colored, 100,..... | Total, 106 |
| Communion administered,..... | 16 |
| Communion Offerings,..... | \$73 00 |
| Collections—Diocesan Missions,..... | 23 80 |
| Domestic " | 13 00 |
| Foreign, " | 19 00 |
| For Church purposes generally,..... | 74 50 |

Time spent in the Parish, in the performance of its regular duties, since last report, twelve months.

Besides this report the Rector would add that services have been held (with occasional omissions from absence) in St. David's Church, on Sunday morning, for the whites, and in the evenings for the slaves. Also, in Athens, at night, during the last three months. Besides the services mentioned for the slaves, they have been instructed, during the most of the year, in a Sunday School, held in the evening after the sermon. In her sacraments, as well as worship, a growing interest and attachment for the Church is marked by full and punctual attendance.

In Athens, also, I have been met by good and encouraging congregations. I have, also, frequently visited the lower part of Dallas county, where an interesting field of labor is daily opening. Here a Parish (prospectively called St. Mary's) will very soon be organized, and a neat country Church erected from an ample subscription already raised. This Parish will probably unite with St. David's in calling a Minister.

Finding that the duties of my school, added to those of my Parish, overtasked my strength, I have resigned my situation, to take effect on the 15th of May, instant.

In leaving this field of labor I shall carry with me happy remembrances of a kind, zealous and refined people, and a rich harvest of experience and profit, drawn mostly from my connection with the slave population.

It is fitting here that due tribute should be paid to the moral worth and deep-toned piety of one who, from its beginning, was the senior Warden of St. David's Parish, and long a prominent and influential member of this Convention—Capt. JOHN ELLERBE; who, upon the 6th of October, 1854, perfected his conflict as a true Soldier of the Cross, in a Christian's victory over death.

He brought the Christian zeal, and the sound and intelligent judgment which made him a prominent member of St. David's Church, Cheraw, South Carolina, to our infant Diocese, and for years, even until his strength failed him, he was prominently known among her counsellors.

Among the first to welcome our beloved Bishop to his Diocese, he ever had a strong arm and a generous heart for the support of the Episcopate and every other noble institution. And he has gone to his rest with the hoary honors of a Christian old age upon his head.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, SELMA.—Rev. WM. H. PLATT, Rector.

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| Baptisms—White, adults, 4, infants, 4,..... | Total, 8 |
| Colored—Adults, | 1 |
| Confirmations—White, | 7 |
| Marriages—White, | 8 |
| Deaths—White, | 5 |
| Communicants, | 34 |
| Sunday Schools—Teachers, 8, scholars, white, 15,..... | Total, 18 |
| Library Books, | 100 |
| Communion administered, | 10 |
| Communion Offerings, ... | \$56 80 |
| Collections—Domestic Missions, | 26 50 |

Time spent in the Parish, in the performance of its regular duties, since last report, eleven months.

The above report upon the condition of the Parish is the minimum of its particulars. I am unwilling to trust any other, as the population of our young city is, and for some years will be, quite fluctuating.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, LOWNDES CO.—Rev. J. B. RAMSDELL, Minister.

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| Baptisms—White, adults, 8, infants, 1,..... | Total, 4 |
| Confirmations—White, | 5 |
| Marriages—Colored, | 1 |
| Deaths—White, | 2 |
| Communicants—White, at the last report, 7, removed, 1, .. present number, 11 | |
| Colored, at the last report, 1, | 1 |
| Communion administered—By Bishop Cobbs, | 1 |
| Easter Collections—Diocesan Missions, | \$9 03 |

Time spent in the Parish, in the performance of its regular duties, since last report, nine months.

Since my last report I have officiated seventy times in this Parish; in St. Luke's Church, Cahaba, twice each day of November 26th and January 21st. On 12th January attended Convocation at Montgomery and preached once.

I was absent from the Parish during the months of July, August and September last.

REPORT OF REV. J. M. ROBERTSON.

The Rev. J. M. ROBERTSON respectfully reports that during the last year he has been engaged, without interruption or absence, in the duties of his Ministry. He has officiated regularly at two points in Madison county, known as St. Mark's and St. John's. At the former there is a Log Chapel, and at the latter a small frame Church is now being erected. He has, moreover, assisted the Rector of the Church of the Nativity in the duties of the desk and of the pulpit.

The number of Communicants to whom he ministers is 12. He has baptised 3 adults and 2 infants, and administered the Communion on 8 occasions. Confirmations, 1, Marriages, 1, Funerals, 1.

Other official acts are included in the report from the Church of the Nativity.

During the last year he has preached sixty sermons.

REPORT OF REV. J. J. SCOTT, D. D.

To the Rt. Rev. N. H. Cobbs, D. D.:

The undersigned reports to the Bishop that he has been engaged for the last nine months, commencing 1st of August, as "Minister of the colored population and City Missionary in Mobile." Our work among the colored people has occupied the greater part of this time. Though at first we met with numerous discouragements, the work has steadily advanced, and been attended with a degree of success exceeding our expectation. For public service and instruction, we have made use of a rented room, fitted up at a moderate expense, and in a suitable manner; which has usually been so crowded as clearly to indicate the necessity for larger accommodation. The responses, chanting and singing, and the general behavior of this congregation would do credit to any class of people. We are happy to state that a deep religious sentiment seems to pervade the flock. Five children and five adults have been baptised; thirty-two persons have been made ready for Confirmation. Of this number, fourteen were confirmed, the rest not being able to attend at the time of the Bishop's visitation.

The Holy Communion has been administered once. We have not baptised many children, owing to the difficulty, so far, of procuring suitable God-parents. We have had one burial and four marriages.

We have registered eighty-two names, of almost all ages, but mostly children, as Catechumens, who are taught in the Sunday School, by competent teachers, who have greatly lightened our labor and care.

The colored people of our Mission have raised, for the most part among themselves, \$40 towards purchasing a melodeon. The congregation is invited to meet once a week for the purpose of learning and practising the chants and tunes, to be used in the succeeding Sunday service, and from fifteen to fifty attend, under the direction of a lady, who is a member of the Mission.

Services have been held, especially for the colored people, on Sunday afternoons and Wednesday nights. On other occasions we have officiated for a white congregation, though not excluding any class of persons. This congregation numbered about fifty persons, but two of them had been in the habit of attending any of our Churches. In our Sunday School for white children we number thirty, and these have been instructed by three teachers, with gratifying success.

We have expended in money, among the poor, about \$60, besides a number of all kinds of garments, and provided a number of meals, for which, for the most part, we have been indebted to pious persons.

We have baptised, in the period reported for, eleven white children, buried two adults and four children. In all we have made over two hundred visits, and read prayers and preached one hundred and eighteen times.

Respectfully,

J. J. SCOTT.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, BARBOUR CO.—Rev. L. R. STAUDENMAYER, Rector.

Baptisms—White, adults, 7, infants, 13,.....Total, 20
Colored, infants,.....2

Confirmations—White,.....3

Deaths—White,.....2

Communicants—White, at the last report, 25, removed, 9, present number, 16

Sunday Schools—Teachers 5, scholars, white, 29,.....Total, 34

Collections—Bishop's Salary,.....\$25 00

Agreeably to the Canons of the Church, I hereby respectfully report the official acts performed in this Parish (so far as I could learn,) since the last Convention.

Having taken charge of this Parish on the 1st day of last February, my predecessor may be able to supply any defect in this report, so far as his acts are concerned. The two burials, mentioned above, are the only official acts performed by myself. The figures attached to "Communicants" relates to their *present* number.

I much regret my being prevented enjoying the privilege, or rather being hindered from the *duty* of attending the Convention.

This congregation, although yet small in number, ought, by no means, be considered least in Israel. I have every reason to hope that by a devout use of the Prayer Book and a faithful expounding of the doctrines of "The Church," in "the fulness of Christ," many a "jewel" will be gathered from the present and future members of this congregation, and finally find their names glitter in the "Book of Remembrance."

Divine Service is celebrated twice every Sunday morning and afternoon; also, once, on all such days, when the Church, our mother, has provided her children with a Gospel and Epistle; also, prayers are said, in "the House of Prayer," every Wednesday and Friday.

The Sunday School is under my immediate superintendence. I am gratified to state that the Superintendent's example of regular attendance, and opening the school "at the hour appointed" has not been without the desired good effect on both teachers and scholars.

The Rector has also established a Bible Class for the more advanced children, but also open for adults, meeting every Saturday evening. In these exercises his main design is to inculcate those divine truths that ought "*to be learned by every person before he be brought to be confirmed by the Bishop.*"

The servants, too, enjoy regularly, on Sunday evening, the service of the Church, with catechetical instruction. They are beginning to understand the "beauty of holiness," breathing in our Liturgy, and are becoming more and more familiarized with the Apostle's injunction: "Let all things be done decently and in order."

ST. MARK'S CHURCH, FORK OF GREENE.—Rev. S. U. SMITH, Rector.

Baptisms—White, infants,.....2

Marriages—White, 1, colored, 1,.....Total, 2

Deaths—White, 1, colored, 1,....." 2

Communicants—White, at the last report, 11, died 1,.....present number, 10

Communion administered,.....6

Communion Offerings,.....\$9 15

Christmas Offerings—Bishop's Fund,.....3 45

My duties as Rector have been performed in this and St. Stephen's Parish since my last report to this body, with the exception of the month of August.

Since my last report, our new Church edifice has been near enough completed for us to hold services in it, two Sundays in each month, since the 19th Sunday after Trinity. Previous to that time, services were held in this Parish, once in each month, with one service on that day. Now, after the morning service for the whites, I have service for the blacks, and I am gratified in saying that both in numbers and interest I have much to encourage me.

ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH, EUTAW.—Rev. STEPHEN U. SMITH, Rector.

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| Confirmations—White,..... | 1 |
| Marriages—White, 1, colored, 1,..... | Total, 2 |
| Deaths—White,..... | 2 |
| Communicants—White, at the last report, 15,..... | present number, 17 |
| Library Books,..... | 125 |
| Communion administered,..... | 10 |
| Communion Offerings,..... | \$56 90 |
| Christmas Offerings—Bishop's Fund,..... | 5 40 |

Time spent in the Parish, in the performance of its regular duties, since last report, eleven months.

With the exception of the month of August, I have been a resident of this Parish since my last report to this body. Regular services have been held three Sundays in each month, up to the 19th Sunday after Trinity; since then, every other Sunday—dividing my Sundays between this Parish and St. Mark's. Through Passion week the Church was open every day for prayers. Besides my regular Parochial duties, I have preached twice at Gainesville, Sumter county, and once at Bladon Springs, Choctaw county.

ST. WILFRID'S CHURCH, MARION.—Rev. W. A. STICKNEY, Rector.

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| Baptisms—White, adults, 11, infants, 14,..... | Total, 25 |
| Colored, adults, 3, infants, 14,..... | " 17 |
| Confirmations—White, 16, colored, 2,..... | " 18 |
| Marriages—White,..... | 1 |
| Deaths—White,..... | 2 |
| Communicants—White, at the last report, 30, died, 1, removed, 5, | |
| ..... | present number, 44 |
| Colored, at the last report, 1,..... | " " 4 |
| Parish School—Teachers, 2, scholars, 35. | |
| Communion administered,..... | 21 |
| Collections—Domestic Missions,..... | \$ 9 45 |
| Foreign "..... | 9 50 |
| For Church purposes generally..... | 61 50 |

Time spent in the Parish, in the performance of its regular duties, since last report, ten months.

The routine of services has not varied from that heretofore reported to the Bishop.

Necessity, on the ground of health, caused the two months' omission of regular duties reported above.

The school has been enlarged and much benefited through means of an efficient teacher, and the erection of a new building for dormitory and school rooms, which is sufficiently finished for use. There will be place now for the admission of some half dozen boys more into the family department.

The Rector trusts it may not be amiss to state his conviction that in and through this school, more is done for the glory of God and the honor of His Church, in dealing with souls, than through any other agency within his

teach. The children, instead of shrinking from that duty which the Church enjoins on their sponsors to discharge in their behalf at a very tender age, look forward to it as a privilege, and eagerly enquire if they will not be old enough for it when the Bishop comes again.

PARISH OF ST. JAMES, LIVINGSTON.—Rev. J. H. TUCKER, Rector.

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| Baptisms—White, adults, 4, infants, 12,..... | Total, 16 |
| Colored, adults, 1 infant, 4,..... | " 5 |
| Confirmations—White,..... | 3 |
| Marriages—White,..... | 7 |
| Deaths—White,..... | 9 |
| Communicants—White, at the last report, 52, died, 1, removed, 12,..... | present number, 45 |
| Sunday Schools—Teachers, 4, scholars, white, 30,..... | Total, 34 |
| Library Books,..... | about 100 |
| Communion administered,..... | 15 |
| Communion Offerings,..... | \$ 33 45 |
| Collections—Diocesan Missions,..... | 5 00 |
| Church extension and repairs,..... | 350 00 |
| Time spent in the Parish, in the regular performance of its duties, since last report, twelve months. | |

This Parish, as heretofore, embraces Livingston, Sumterville, Butler and Pushmataha, where services have been performed as regularly as possible. The Holy Communion has necessarily been frequently administered without time for the previous notice, which will account for the smallness of the collections.

Of the collections for "Church extension and repairs," some \$300 were collected and expended in Sumterville, in enlarging and finishing Grace Chapel.

The Parish is indebted to the New-York Prayer Book and Tract Society, for a handsome donation of Books.

TRINITY CHURCH, FLORENCE.—Rev. T. F. WARDWELL, Missionary.

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| Number of Families, 19, adults, 40, children, 44,..... | Total, 84 |
| Baptisms—White, adults, 1, infants, 8,..... | " 9 |
| Confirmations—White,..... | 1 |
| Communicants—White, added, 8,..... | present number, 14 |
| Communion administered,..... | 4 |
| Sunday Schools—Teachers, 3, scholars, 25,..... | Total, 28 |
| Library Books,..... | 100 |
| Children taught the Catechism openly in the Church—Number of times,... | 4 |
| Celebration of Divine Service—Sundays, 30, other days, 15,..... | Total, 45 |
| Contributions—Diocesan Missions,..... | \$ 3 90 |
| Domestic "..... | 16 55 |
| Bishop's Salary,..... | 25 00 |
| Contingent Fund,..... | 4 00 |
| Parish purposes,..... | 31 37 |

The present Missionary entered upon his duties in this Parish on the first Sunday in Advent, December 3d, since which time the services have been continued without interruption. Though our congregations are usually small, yet the prospects of the Parish are considered encouraging.

Knowing that the true strength of the Church is not in numbers—believing that the "little one shall become a thousand, and the small one a strong nation"—trusting in the abiding presence of Christ in His Church—that He will be with the Church which He founded, and purchased with His blood—remembering also His gracious promises; so far from being disheartened by any temporary opposition, we thank God and take courage.

Services have also been held, besides those above enumerated, at Oak Grove, about six miles from town.—Number of services, 6. At this place large and attentive congregations have usually assembled. Though for the most part strangers to the services of the Church, yet they unite with us in the Confession, and Creed, and Prayers, and Anthems, with that good will and heartiness, which plainly indicates that the Prayer Book, as it is, is commending itself to their attention and regard.

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, JACKSONVILLE.

Baptisms—White, adults 4, infants 7,.....Total, 11
 Confirmations—White,.....7
 Deaths—White 1, colored infant 1,.....Total, 2
 Communicants—White, added 11, removed 2,.....Present number, 22
 Sunday School—Teachers 2, scholars 18,.....Total, 20
 Communion—Number of times administered,.....4
 Divine Service—Number of times celebrated,.....24

Although our Church has not had a regular Minister for several years, we have been favored during the past year with a visitation from the Bishop. Last summer, Rev. Mr. STICKNEY, of St. Wilfrid's, and in February last, Rev. Mr. ROBERTSON, of Huntsville, kindly called on us, held services and preached several times. Rev. Mr. MORRIS, Missionary in North Alabama, since November last, has about once a month, included us in his circuit, and we hope will continue to favor us with his valuable services. The Church appears to be in a very good condition, and we hope, at the next meeting of the Convention, to be able to report the completion of a handsome Church edifice.

JNO. D. HOKE, } Wardens
 GEO. HOKE, }

The Convention took a recess for Divine Service.

The Convention convened immediately after Divine Service, and the Bishop read his Annual Address.

BISHOP'S ADDRESS.

In compliance with the Canons of the Church, I herewith lay before the Convention an account of my labors during the last year ;

1854.

May 11, 12, 13 and 14.—Attended the Annual Convention of the Diocese in Carlisle. Whilst I could not but regret to see so small a number of the members in attendance, it was a great satisfaction to witness the kind and fraternal spirit which prevailed. The Rev. R. D. Nevins and the Rev. S. U. Smith were admitted to the Priesthood. The Sermon was preached by the Rev. J. M. Banister, and the Candidates were presented by the Rev. J. A. Massey. During the Convention, I preached once, administered the Holy Communion twice, and confirmed one person.

May 14.—Visited Cahaba, and consecrated the new and very beautiful Church of St. Luke. I was much gratified to have the presence of nine Clergymen of the Diocese. I preached on the occasion and administered the Holy Communion. I regard this Parish as now established on a permanent basis after having long struggled with many discouragements.

May 17.—Went to Selma and administered the Holy Communion to a sick member of the Church in private—the Rector of the Parish being absent.

Sunday after the Ascension.—Visited Mobile. In the morning I preached in Trinity Church and confirmed eight persons—of whom seven were colored persons. In the afternoon, I preached in St. John's Church and confirmed sixteen persons—and in the evening I preached in Christ Church and confirmed six persons. On Monday I confirmed in private a sick member belonging to St. John's Church.

June 14.—Visited Mt. Meigs and preached. In this neighborhood there are several Episcopal families—and if the stated services of a Minister could be obtained a Parish could easily be built up.

In the month of August, I paid a short visit to my former Parishes and friends in Virginia, and had my heart gladdened by the many evidences that I was not forgotten by those whom I so greatly loved. I preached a number of times during my visit: twice in Trinity Church, Russel Parish, and baptised two infants—once in St. Stephen's, Hamner Parish, Bedford county—twice in Lynchburg and baptised six children—once in Campbell C. H. and baptised an adult and seven children—once in Liberty, Bedford—and twice in Petersburg.

Oct. 4.—Went to Selma and ordained F. A. P. Barnard a Deacon. The Sermon was preached by the Rev. W. H. Platt, and the Candidate was presented by the Rev. R. D. Nevius.

Oct. 10.—Again visited Selma and admitted to the Priesthood the Rev. S. R. Wright. The Sermon was preached by the Rev. W. A. Stickney, and the Candidate was presented by the Rev. W. H. Platt.

Nov. 14.—Visited Tallassee on the Tallapoosa River, preached and baptised an infant. Here we have several families of the Church.

First Sunday in Advent.—Visited Lowndes county—preached in St. Peter's in the morning and in Benton in the afternoon.

Second Sunday in Advent—Visited Marion, preached twice in St. Wilfrid's and confirmed eighteen persons. I was gratified to find the excellent School connected with this Parish, still in a flourishing condition. I look to this School with lively interest, confidently believing that many of the boys that are therein trained will hereafter be found in the ranks of the Ministry.

Third Sunday in Advent.—Went to Eufaula, preached three times, confirmed three persons, and, at the Rector's request, baptised four adults and four infants.

Dec. 19.—Read prayers and preached in St. John's, in the Wilderness. Here we have a few friends who are earnestly asking for the services of the Church.

Sunday after Christmas—Went to Jacksonville, preached a number of times, baptised an adult, confirmed seven persons, and administered the Holy Communion. In this Parish a neat Church is about to be erected.

First Sunday after Epiphany.—Visited Cahaba, preached, and confirmed three persons. In the evening of the same day, went to Selma, preached, and confirmed seven persons.

1855.

Jan. 20.—Paid a visit to Lowndesboro', preached, baptised an infant, and confirmed three persons. Here is a good opening for the Church, and I trust are long to see a flourishing Parish established.

— Jan. 24.—Ordained to the Diaconate, L. R. Standenmayer, in St. John's Church, Montgomery. The Sermon was preached by the Rev. G. F. Cushman, and the Candidate was presented by the Rev. J. M. Mitchel.

Jan. 31.—Visited St. Peter's, Lowndes county, baptised an adult, confirmed five persons, and administered the Holy Communion.

Feb. 3.—Preached in the lower part of Dallas county at a free Meeting House, where there is the prospect of the establishment of an interesting congregation.

Septuagesima Sunday.—Preached in St. Paul's, Carlewville, confirmed two colored persons, and administered the Communion.

Quinquagesima Sunday.—Visited Greensboro', preached several times, and confirmed eleven persons.

Ash Wednesday.—Went to Eutaw, preached twice and confirmed one person.

Feb. 22.—Visited the Fork of Greene, preached in St. Mark's Church. I was gratified to find the Church nearly completed.

First Saturday and Sunday in Lent.—Preached twice in St. Andrew's Church, Prairieville, and twice in Trinity Church, Demopolis.

March 1.—Went to Gainesville and preached. Here is a good opening for the Church, if the regular services of a Clergyman could be obtained.

March 2.—Went from Gainesville to Sumterville and preached twice in the neat little Chapel that has been fitted up by the little band of Churchmen in that place.

Second Saturday and Sunday in Lent.—Visited Livingston, preached three times, confirmed three persons, and administered the Holy Communion.

March 6.—Again visited Demopolis, preached, administered the Holy Communion and catechised the children.

March 7.—Preached in St. Andrew's, Prairieville, catechised the children, confirmed two persons, and administered the Holy Communion.

March 9.—Went to Dayton, preached, and confirmed one person. I was much gratified by this my first visit to this place. There is here an excellent opening for the Church.

March 10.—Visited St. Michael's, Marengo county, and preached. This Church will probably be completed during the present year.

Third Sunday in Lent.—Spent this day in Woodville, and preached. The Church here has been improved in some of its arrangements, and, we trust, will be ready for consecration by the Fall.

March 13.—Preached in St. David's, Dallas county, administered the Communion, and confirmed one white person and ten colored persons. It is truly refreshing to the heart of the Christian Minister to go into this Parish, and to witness the interest manifested by the Negroes in the services of the Church.

Fifth Sunday in Lent.—Spent several days in Huntsville, preached several times, and confirmed three persons.

March 26.—Preached in the morning at the house of Dr. Seay, about twelve miles from Huntsville, and confirmed one person. A small Chapel is here in the progress of erection—the result of the earnest zeal of one of the most devoted daughters of the Church. In the afternoon of the same day, I preached in St. Mark's Chapel, ten miles distant.

March 27.—Went to Athens, and preached to a small Congregation.

March 28.—Preached to a small Congregation hastily collected in a private house in Courtland. There is now a good opening for the Church in this place.

March 29.—Went to Tuscumbia and preached in St. John's Church.

March 30.—In the morning preached in St. John's, Tuscumbia, and in the evening in Trinity, Florence.

March 31.—Preached in the neighborhood of Florence, and confirmed one person in private, and in the evening preached in Trinity Church, Florence.

Sunday before Easter.—Preached in the morning in Trinity Church, Florence, and catechised the Children, and in the evening preached in St. John's Church, Tuscumbia, and confirmed two persons.

April 2.—Preached again at night in St. John's Church, Tuscumbia.

April 5th and 6th.—Spent two days in Guntersville, and preached twice.

Easter Sunday.—Spent this day and the preceding Saturday in Bellefonte, and preached several times.

April 18.—Visited Camden, the county town of Wilcox, preached and confirmed two persons. Here a new Parish has been formed with very encouraging prospects. Arrangements have been made for the building of a Church forthwith.

Second Sunday after Easter.—This day I had an appointment in Mobile, but being unable to procure a boat after waiting three days and nights at the Alabama River, I returned to Camden and preached twice.

Third Sunday after Easter.—Visited Mobile, preached in the morning in Trinity Church, and confirmed seventeen persons. In the afternoon I lectured in St. John's Church, and confirmed twenty-two persons. More would have been confirmed but from a misapprehension in regard to the arrangement of the services. I was gratified to learn that measures had been taken for the erection of a Rectory. In the evening I preached in Christ Church, and confirmed twenty-three persons. In the evening of Tuesday following I preached to a congregation of colored people, collected under the ministry of the Rev. J. J. Scott, D. D., who with much zeal and success has devoted himself to the mission amongst that class of people. The services on the occasion of my visit were eminently interesting, and my heart was gladdened at seeing fourteen come forward to the rite of confirmation. It is a cause of much regret that Mr. Scott has felt himself constrained to give up his useful mission, and to accept a call to Pensacola. There is no Christian effort in the Diocese in which my sympathies are more warmly enlisted than in this mission to the colored people. I do most earnestly desire to see the Church coming up to the full measure of her responsibility in carrying the Gospel to that class of our population. On Wednesday morning I confirmed two others in Trinity Church. Since last Convention I have confirmed one hundred and nine persons in Mobile. The progress of the Church has been very encouraging within the last five years.

The remaining portion of my time that was not employed in visiting the places above mentioned, was spent in Montgomery, in which city I performed a large amount of Ministerial labor, in reading prayers, in preaching and in visiting the sick—especially during the epidemic of last fall. I also confirmed eleven persons in this city, of whom two belonged to other Parishes.

I omitted to state, in its proper place, that I received from the Vestry of Christ Church, Tuscaloosa, in November last, a resolution requesting me to concur in a previous resolution of said Vestry "dissolving the connection of the Rev. Wm. Johnson with Christ Church, Tuscaloosa, and also to declare the same vacant." With this request I felt it a duty to comply, as there was no probability of an amicable adjustment of the difficulties between the parties. In concurring with the request of the Vestry it was not my purpose to express any opinion as to the merits of the controversy, nor to say on which side blame should be cast, but simply to concur in a measure which, under the circumstances then existing, I conscientiously believe is best for all parties.

I have thus visited the greatest portion of the Diocese, and am gratified to say that the Church is steadily advancing, not only in numerical strength, but in moral power. I have never seen the prospects of the Church more encouraging since my connection with the Diocese.

The following changes have occurred amongst the Clergy, viz: The Rev. B. B. Leacock has been received into the Diocese from Virginia. The Rev. T. F. Wardwell, from New-York, and Rev. J. J. Scott, D. D., from Florida.

The Rev. E. C. Murdaugh has been transferred to Virginia; the Rev. J. B. T. Smith, to Texas; the Rev. F. A. P. Barnard, to Mississippi; the Rev. S. R. Wright, to Texas; the Rev. Peyton Gallagher, to North Carolina, and the Rev. J. J. Scott, D. D., to Florida.

The following are the names of candidates for Holy Orders, connected with the Diocese, viz: W. T. Walthall, Anastasias Meneses, Fayette Davidson, Thomas J. Beard and S. J. Pinkerton.

I feel it a duty here to notice the kind and generous spirit manifested by some liberal friends in New-York, in forwarding \$165 to me for the benefit of the poor in Montgomery, during the prevalence of the yellow fever in that city, last fall. These expressions of sympathy with us in our seasons of trial and suffering are singularly gratifying, and the fruits of that Gospel which enjoins us to do good to all men, and especially to those who are of the household of faith. The above mentioned contribution was collected and remitted by my kind personal friend, Mr. Joel White, for many years a citizen of this State, and who has long shown a lively interest in the welfare of this Diocese.

I would here bring to the notice of the Convention and of the members of the Diocese, the sermons of the late Rev. N. P. KNAPP, which have been recently published. They are valuable sermons—possessing far more than ordinary merit. Besides their intrinsic worth, they have peculiar claims on the Churchmen of this Diocese, as having been written by one of the earliest and most useful Clergymen of Alabama.

N. H. COBBS.

On motion, the Address and Parochial Reports were referred to the Committee on the state of the Church.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the election of Delegates to the General Convention be postponed until the next Diocesan Convention.

The following petition was presented :

To the Convention of the Diocese of Alabama now in session at Greensboro' :

The Rev. Wm. Johnson respectfully petitions the Convention of Alabama, now in session at Greensboro', that he be allowed to set before their body the grounds on which he claims to be a member of the Convention.

WM. JOHNSON.

A motion to adjourn to 3½ o'clock was made and rejected.

The motion was renewed for an adjournment and again rejected.

A motion was made that the petition be received, and Mr. JOHNSON be allowed to be heard, and that the Convention adjourn to 4 o'clock, P. M.

On motion, the above motion was divided.

A motion was made to refer the above petition to a Committee of five members, and rejected.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the petition of Rev. Wm. JOHNSON be received, and that the Rev. Mr. JOHNSON have permission to address the Convention.

The Convention adjourned until 4 o'clock, P. M.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, GREENSBORO,' 4 o'clock, P. M.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

A motion was made to reconsider the action of the Convention respecting the petition of the Rev. Wm. JOHNSON. Carried.

The following resolution was offered and rejected :

Resolved, That a Committee of three Clergymen and three Laymen be appointed to enquire if the claims of Rev. Wm. JOHNSON to a seat in this house be valid, and if so, upon what grounds, and report to the Convention.

On motion, the petition of Rev. Wm. JOHNSON was received, and permission to address the Convention granted.

The Rev. Wm. JOHNSON then addressed the Convention.

The following resolution was then offered and adopted :

Resolved, That the Rev. Wm. JOHNSON is not entitled to a seat in this Convention, the connection between himself and Christ Church having been dissolved, upon the application of the Vestry to the Bishop for his concurrence in the dissolution, and upon the consent of the Bishop having been given.

On motion, the Convention adjourned until 9 o'clock, to-morrow.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, GREENSBORO', }
Saturday, 9 o'clock, A. M. }

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment. After prayer by the President, and call of the roll, the minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The Committee on Unfinished Business asked leave to withdraw and amend their report, which being granted they submitted the following amended report:

The Committee on Unfinished Business beg leave to report that on the 34th page of the last Journal they find the following resolution, which was ordered to lie over to this Convention:

Resolved, That in the judgment of this Convention it is not the duty of the Bishop to visit officially any Church or Parish which may not pay its assessment to the Bishop's salary.

J. M. MITCHELL, Chairman.

A motion was made to pass this resolution, but after some discussion upon it, it was withdrawn.

The report of the Diocesan Missionary Society was then read by the Secretary, as follows:

The undersigned, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Diocesan Missionary Society would report to the Convention that appropriations have been made to the following Missionaries:

To Rev. THOS. A. MORRIS, officiating in Marshal, Jackson and St. Clair counties; to the Rev. J. B. RAMSDALL, officiating in Lowndes county, and to Rev. J. J. SCOTT, D. D., officiating as Missionary to the colored congregation in Mobile. The state of the funds may be known by an examination of the Treasurer's account herewith submitted.

N. H. COBBS, Chairman.

The Treasurer's report was then presented and approved:

REPORT OF TREASURER OF DIOCESAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.
THOMAS W. McCOY, Treasurer,
In account with Diocesan Missionary Society of Alabama.

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| 1854. | DR. | | |
| May 10— | To balance, last report to Convention,..... | \$223 | 68 |
| 29— | To cash received from Bishop Cobbs, viz: | | |
| | St. Paul's Church, Carlowville,..... | \$52 | 70 |
| | St. Stephen's Church, Eutaw,..... | 12 | 50 |
| | "A friend," St. Mark's,..... | 7 | 50 |
| | St. Andrew's Church, Macon,..... | 18 | 50— |
| | | 92 | 20 |
| Nov. 18— | From Bishop Cobbs—Account of the Church at Woodville, Perry county,..... | 18 | 00 |
| Dec. 26— | Rev. Mr. Leacock, collection Christ Church, Mobile, | 65 | 20 |
| 1855. | | | |
| March 19.— | From Rev. Mr. Nevius, collection Trinity Church, Demopolis,..... | 6 | 70 |
| 19.— | From Rev. Mr. Nevius, collection St. David's Church, Dallas county,..... | 23 | 30 |
| April 18.— | From Rev. Mr. Cobbs, collection St. John's Church, Tuscumbia,..... | 10 | 00 |
| 25.— | From Rev. Mr. Lee, collection St. Paul's Church, Carlowville,..... | 8 | 65 |
| May 1.— | From Bishop Cobbs, to credit of Church of the Nativity, Huntsville,..... | 23 | 00 |
| 1854. | CR. | | |
| July 5.— | By cash paid Bishop Cobb's order in favor of Rev. J. B. Ramsdell,..... | \$50 | 00 |
| Nov. 10.— | By cash paid Bishop Cobb's order in favor of Rev. T. A. Morris,..... | 75 | 00 |
| 12.— | By cash paid Bishop Cobb's order in favor of Rev. J. J. Scott,..... | 75 | 00 |
| 21.— | By cash paid Bishop Cobb's order in favor of Rev. J. B. Ramsdell,..... | 25 | 00 |
| Dec. 12.— | By cash paid Bishop Cobb's order in favor of Rev. J. B. Ramsdell,..... | 25 | 00 |
| 1855. | | | |
| May 1.— | By cash paid Bishop Cobb's order in favor of Rev. T. A. Morris,..... | 52 | 00 |
| 1.— | By cash paid Bishop Cobb's order in favor of Rev. T. A. Morris, (amount credited to the Church of the Nativity)..... | 23 | 00 |
| 1.— | By cash paid Bishop Cobb's order in favor of Rev. J. J. Scott,..... | 75 | 00 |
| May 1.— | By balance on hand, carried down,..... | 70 | 68 |
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| | | \$470 | 68 |
| | | \$470 | 68 |
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| 1.— | To balance on hand,..... | \$70 | 68 |

THOMAS W. McCOY, Treasurer.

E. E.—Mobile, May 1st, 1855.

The following resolution was then offered and adopted :

Resolved, That Rev. Wm. JOHNSON be invited to take a seat in the Convention, and that the Bishop appoint a Committee of two Clergymen to inform Mr. JOHNSON of the passage of such resolution.

The Rev. Messrs. BANISTER and HANSON were appointed for that purpose.

Rev. Mr. JOHNSON appeared in the Convention.

Mr. R. C. DUBOSE was admitted as a Delegate from the Parish of St. Michael's, and took his seat.

The following resolution was offered and carried :

Resolved, That the unpaid dues of Union Parish be remitted.

The Delegate from Union Parish, by permission, addressed the house on the above resolution.

Mr. J. M. LANGHORNE took a seat.

The Convention proceeded to the election of a Missionary Committee, and the following gentlemen were chosen :

Rev. Messrs. F. B. LEE, J. A. MASSEY and GEO. F. CUSHMAN. Messrs. A. W. ELLERBE and M. J. CONLEY.

Treasurer—THOS. W. MCCOY.

The following resolution was offered and adopted :

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to consider the expediency of changing the time of holding the Annual Convention of the Diocese.

The Rev. Mr. CUSHMAN and Messrs. ALISON and PIERCE were appointed said Committee.

On motion, *Resolved*, That when this Convention adjourns for Divine Service, it adjourn until 4 o'clock, P. M.

The Trustees of the Bishop's Fund made their report, as follows :

The Trustees of the Bishop's Fund submit the following report :

| | |
|-----------------------------------------------------|------------|
| The Permanent Fund at last report was..... | \$2,233 34 |
| Interest on this amount, to this date,..... | \$178 66 |
| Christmas Offerings paid to Trustees,..... | 77 95 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$256 61 |
| Paid Christ Church, Tuscaloosa, on assessment,..... | 40 00 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$216 61 |
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| | \$216 61 |
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| | \$2,449 95 |

The Permanent Fund at the last report amounted to the sum of \$2,233 34, which has been increased by the addition of the annual interest on this amount \$178 66, and the following Christmas Offerings which have been received by the Trustees during the present session of the Convention: St. Andrew's Church, Macon, \$6 80; Trinity Church, Demopolis, \$5 80; St. Stephen's Church, Eutaw, \$5 40; St. Mark's Church, Greene county, \$3 45; St. John's Church, Tuscumbia, \$5; St. David's Church, Dallas county, \$7; St. Luke's Church, Cahaba, \$5; St. Wilfrid's Church, Marion, \$14 50; St. John's Church, Montgomery, \$25; all of which, after deducting from the interest above, the sum of \$40 paid on the assessment of Christ Church, Tuscaloosa, leaves the present amount of the Fund \$2,449 95, of which \$216 61 remains to be re-invested.

SPECIAL FUND.

This Fund amounted, at the last Convention, to \$11,029 75, and \$50 contributions have been received by the Trustees, making the present amount of the Fund \$11,079 75.

The annual interest on this Fund is appropriated to the payment of the Bishop's Salary, as the amounts credited to the assessments on the several Parishes in proportion to the contributions made by each to the Fund. During the Convention, the sum of \$500, of the Special Fund has been collected by the Trustees, which they have in hand ready for re-investment. The balance of the Fund consists of notes which were taken by the General Agent, and handed over to the Trustees, some few of which they have in the course of collection. The balance of the notes are believed to be generally good. The members of the Convention are requested to inspect these notes in the hands of the Trustees, and furnish them such information in relation to them as they can.

WM. F. PIERCE,
H. L. ALISON,
A. W. ELLERBE

Messrs. ELLERBE, PIERCE and ALISON were nominated and unanimously re-elected Trustees of the Bishop's Fund.

The Committee on the state of the Church reported as follows :

Your Committee upon the state of the Church have to regret that the close occupation of their time with the business of the Convention has precluded the possibility of their making as accurate an investigation of the materials at their disposal as would have been desirable. The fact, however, that the Church is growing prosperous is so manifest as to obviate the necessity for making it apparent by any statistical statement. Their attention has been very specially called to the increased measure of interest which appears to be entertained for the religious instruction of the colored people, in accordance with the suggestion of the Bishop, and the recommendation of the Committee of our last Convention. Still are they constrained to think that this subject has not been as generally and as seriously considered as its importance demands, and therefore do they again present it with the earnest request that their brethren would severally reflect upon their individual responsibilities in this particular, and improve the opportunities which their position and circumstances may afford.

A more special attention, too, to the instruction and training of the young people of the Church in her distinctive principles and privileges, is also a subject (in their consideration) demanding more general interest. For they are confidently persuaded that to the neglect of this duty is to be attributed much of that spurious liberality of opinion which makes no distinction between truth and error, and moreover the absence of a true appreciation of the superiority of her advantages and claims. And for the furtherance of the end here proposed, they respectfully suggest the importance of carrying out fully that system of Catechetical instruction required by the Canon, and the employment of the facilities afforded by Bible Class exercises, for impressing these truths upon the more advanced in their higher development.

The Committee desire also to notice the almost entire neglect of the *Office of Institution* in the Diocese. If they are rightly informed, but one of the Parishes has ever availed itself of its provisions. That office was prepared by the wisdom of the Church, and the Committee can see no sufficient reason for its neglect. They think its general use would do much to strengthen the relations which should exist between Minister and people, and prevent those frequent changes which interrupt our harmony, and hinder our progress. They would earnestly urge upon the Clergy and upon the Parishes a compliance with the *Canonical* provisions upon this subject.

F. B. LEE, Chairman.

On motion, the Convention adjourned until 4 o'clock, P. M.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, GREENSBORO', 4 o'clock, P. M.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment, and after prayers by the Rt. Rev. President, Rev. F. R. HANSON was called to the Chair.

The Finance Committee made their report as follows:

The Finance Committee report that they have examined the Treasurer's accounts, and find them correct.

They also recommend the following assessments upon the various Parishes, together with eight per cent. upon the assessments, to provide for the Contingent Fund:

| | Bishop's Salary. | Contingent Fund. |
|-----------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Christ Church, Mobile,..... | \$500 00 | \$40 00 |
| Christ Church, Tuscaloosa,..... | 200 00 | 16 00 |
| St. John's Church, Montgomery,..... | 250 00 | 20 00 |
| St. Paul's Church, Greensboro',..... | 175 00 | 14 00 |
| Union Parish, Uniontown,..... | 90 00 | 7 20 |
| St. Andrew's Church, Macon,..... | 66 00 | 5 28 |
| St. Paul's Church, Selma,..... | 100 00 | 8 00 |
| St. James' Church, Livingston,..... | 60 00 | 4 80 |
| Church of the Nativity, Huntsville,... | 125 00 | 10 00 |
| St. Paul's Church, Carlowville,..... | 50 00 | 4 00 |
| St. Peter's Church, Lowndes county,... | 50 00 | 4 00 |
| St. John's Church, Tuscumbia,..... | 25 00 | 2 00 |
| St. Luke's Church, Cahaba,..... | 50 00 | 4 00 |
| St. David's Church, Dallas county,.... | 78 00 | 6 24 |
| Trinity Church, Demopolis,..... | 50 00 | 4 00 |
| St. John's Church, in the Wilderness,.. | 16 00 | 1 28 |
| St. James' Church, Eufaula,..... | 40 00 | 3 20 |
| St. Stephen's Church, Eutaw,..... | 35 00 | 2 80 |
| Trinity Church, Mobile,..... | 150 00 | 12 00 |
| St. Mark's Church, Greene county,.... | 40 00 | 3 20 |
| St. Wilfrid's Church, Marion,..... | 40 00 | 3 20 |
| St. Luke's Church, Jacksonville,..... | 25 00 | 2 00 |
| St. John's Church, Elyton,..... | 10 00 | 80 |
| St. Michael's Church, Marengo county,. | 45 00 | 3 60 |
| Trinity Church, Florence,..... | 25 00 | 2 00 |
| St. John's Church, Mobile,..... | 75 00 | 6 00 |
| St. Mary's Church, Camden,..... | 50 00 | 4 00 |
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| | \$2,420 00 | \$198 60 |

Resolved, That the note of Mr. J. H. DUBOZ be transferred from St. David's Church, Dallas county, to St. Andrew's, Macon, and that the note of Mr. Geo. W. H. MINGE be transferred from Union Parish to St. Michael's, Marengo.

A. W. ELLERBE, Chairman.

On motion, it was ordered that the foregoing report, with the accompanying resolution, be received and adopted.

The following amendments to the Canons were offered and laid over until the next Convention:

Resolved, That Section 2, Canon 1, be amended by inserting, after the word appoint, the following words: "provided that no person belonging to any body of those who profess and call themselves Christians, not in Communion with this Church, shall be entitled to vote in such election."

Resolved, That Section 3, of Canon 1, be amended by inserting, after the word Scriptures, the following words: "provided further that no person belonging to any body of those who profess and call themselves Christians, not in communion with this Church, shall be qualified to act as Vestrymen."

The following resolution was presented :

Resolved, That the next annual Convention be held in Montgomery.

A motion was made to amend, by inserting Mobile.

After discussion it was carried.

The following report was presented :

The Committee, appointed to enquire into the expediency of changing the time of holding the annual Convention of the Diocese, beg leave to report that such change is expedient, and would offer the following resolution :

Resolved, That the next annual Convention of this Diocese be held on the first Thursday in May, 1856.

On Motion, *Ordered*, That the Secretary have printed 600 copies of the Journal, with the Rules of Order, and also the Journal of the Preliminary Meeting to organize the Diocese of Alabama, and the first Journal of the Diocesan Convention, with suitable title pages to the same.

On motion, unanimously *Resolved*, That the thanks of this Convention be tendered to the citizens of Greensboro' and neighborhood for their hospitality.

After prayer, and the benediction by the Bishop, the Convention adjourned *sine die*.

N. H. COBBS, President.

HENRY A. TAYLOR, Secretary.

ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION.

WE, whose names are hereunto affixed, deeply impressed with the importance of the Christian religion, and earnestly desiring to promote its holy influence in the hearts and lives of ourselves, our families, and our neighbors, do hereby associate ourselves together under the name and style and title of the Parish of—— Church, ——, ——County, and State of Alabama, and by so doing do adopt the Constitution and Canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Alabama, in communion with the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America.

Agreeably to Canon XI, 1850, we certify to the Convention of the Diocese of Alabama, that the above recited Articles of Association have been duly signed by the members of the Parish of ——Church, ——.

Rules of Order.

RULE 1.—The business of the first day of the Session of every Convention shall be introduced by the Morning Service of the Church, read by the President, or by a clerical member appointed by him; a Sermon and the administration of the Holy Communion; and that of each succeeding day by such prayers as he may select from the Liturgy.

RULE 2.—The order of transacting the business of the Convention shall be—First, the appointment of a President (if there be no Bishop, or if he be absent,) and a Secretary *pro tem*. The Secretary shall then call, in alphabetical order, the names of the Clergy entitled to seats. He shall next call the Churches entitled to representation, when the Delegates shall lay their certificates on the Secretary's table. These shall be referred to a Committee of three, who shall forthwith examine them and report to the Convention. A constitutional quorum having been found present, the President shall declare the Convention duly organized.

RULE 3.—The further order of business shall be as follows: 1. The appointment of a President from among the clerical members present, (if there be no Bishop, or if he be absent.) 2. The appointment of a Secretary. 3. The consideration of the application of Churches or Parishes for admission into union with the Convention. 4. The appointment, by the President, of Standing Committees, viz: the Committee on the State of the Church—The Committee on Finance—the Committee on Unfinished Business. 5. The annual Communication of the Standing Committee of the Diocese. 6. The annual Address of the Bishop, (if there be one, and he be present.) 7. The reports of Committees appointed at the last Convention, with instructions to report at this Convention. 8. The reading of the Parochial Reports. 9. The election of the Standing Committee of the Diocese, by ballot. 10. The election of Delegates to the General Convention, by ballot. 11. Reports to be called for. 12. Miscellaneous business.

RULE 4.—When the President takes the chair, no member shall continue standing, or shall stand up unless to address the President.

RULE 5.—When a member is about to speak in debate, or present any subject to the Convention, he shall, with due respect, address himself to the President, confining himself strictly to the matter under consideration.

RULE 6.—No member shall absent himself from the sessions of the Convention, unless he have leave of the President, or be unable to attend.

RULE 7.—No member shall speak more than twice upon the subject in debate, unless he have leave of the Convention.

RULE 8.—A question being once determined, shall stand as the decision of the Convention, and shall not be again discussed, unless with the consent of two-thirds of the Convention; *Provided, however*, that any member of the Convention voting in the affirmative, may, on the same day on which the vote is taken, move for a reconsideration of the same vote.

RULE 9.—No motion shall be debated, or be considered before the Convention, (except a motion to adjourn,) unless seconded, and reduced to writing (if requested) by the mover, and read by the Secretary.

RULE 10.—When a motion is under consideration, no other motion shall be made, except to amend, to divide, to commit, or to postpone. A motion to adjourn, however, shall always be in order and decided without debate.

RULE 11.—A question on amendment shall be decided before the original motion.

RULE 12.—Every member who shall be present, when the question is put, shall vote, unless he be personally interested, or be excused from voting by the Convention.

Diocesan Officers.

Standing Committee.

Rev. J. A. MASSEY, President, Mobile.

Rev. GEO. F. CUSHMAN, Secretary.

Rev. J. M. MITCHELL,
THOMAS LESESNE,

M. J. CONLEY,
S. G. JONES.

Missionary Committee.

Rt. Rev. N. H. COBBS, D. D.

Rev. F. B. LEE,

A. W. ELLERBE,

Rev. J. A. MASSEY,

M. J. CONLEY,

Rev. GEO. F. CUSHMAN.

Treasurer—THOMAS W. MCCOY, Mobile.

Trustees of the Bishop's Fund.

WM. F. PIERCE, Eutaw,

A. W. ELLERBE, Liberty Hill, Dallas county,

H. L. ALISON, Carlowville.

Delegates to the General Convention.

Rev. J. M. BANISTER,

M. J. CONLEY,

Rev. H. C. LAY,

H. A. TAYLOE,

Rev. WM. JOHNSON,

A. W. ELLERBE,

H. L. ALISON.

Alternates.

Rev. F. R. HANSON,

T. B. TAYLOR,

Rev. F. B. LEE,

J. D. HOKE,

Rev. WM. J. ELLIS,


A. BENNERS,

Rev. J. M. MITCHELL,

J. M. VAN HOOSE.

Secretary and Treasurer of the Convention.

HENRY A. TAYLOE, Macon, Marengo county.

 The next Annual Convention will be held in Mobile, on the first Thursday in May, 1856.

ABSTRACT OF THE PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

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Journal of the Proceedings

OF THE

SOCIETY FOR THE RELIEF OF DISABLED CLERGYMEN, AND OF THE WIDOWS AND ORPHANS OF DECEASED CLERGYMEN OF THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH, IN THE DIOCESE OF ALABAMA.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, GREENSBORO', }
Friday, May 11, 1855. }

Immediately after Divine Service the Society for the relief of disabled Clergymen, and the Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen was called to order by the President, the Rt. Rev. N. H. COBBS, D. D.

MEMBERS,

1846.—Rt. Rev. N. H. COBBS, D. D., Rev. Messrs. F. B. LEE, F. R. HANSON and J. A. MASSEY. Messrs. H. A. TAYLOE and H. L. ALISON.

1847.—Rev. J. M. MITCHELL. Messrs. PAUL LEE, M. J. CONLEY, JOHN SIMPSON, life member, and DAVID MINGE.

1848.—Rev. R. A. COBBS. Messrs. L. H. ANDERSON, life member; THOS. W. MCCOY and E. W. PECK.

1849.—Rev. Messrs. H. C. LAY and J. M. ROBERTSON. Messrs. JOHN P. BROUN, A. W. ELLERBE, S. CHAPMAN and THOS. B. TAYLOR.

1850.—Mr. EMANUEL JONES.

1853.—Messrs. W. W. LANG, life member, and J. W. CLAY.

1854.—Messrs. R. P. MCCORD, J. D. ALISON and Mrs. A. J. LEE.

The roll being called the following members answered to their names :

Rt. Rev. N. H. COBBS, D. D., Rev. Messrs F. B. LEE, F. R. HANSON, J. A. MASSEY, J. M. MITCHELL, R. A. COBBS and H. C. LAY. Messrs. TAYLOE, H. L. ALISON, CONLEY, ANDERSON, PECK and ELLERBE.

A Constitutional quorum being present, the President declared the Society organized.

On motion, the Society proceeded to the election of officers.

Rt. Rev. N. H. COBBS, D. D., was nominated and unanimously elected President.

HENRY A. TAYLOE was nominated and re-elected Secretary and Treasurer.

The following resolution was offered and adopted :

Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed to ascertain if any persons present wished to become members of the Society.

Rev. Messrs. LAY and HANSON and Mr. TAYLOR were appointed.

On motion, *Resolved*, That a Committee of three be appointed to draft a preamble and resolution expressive of the regret of the Society at the decease of JOHN ELLERBE.

Rev. Messrs. LEE, HANSON and MITCHELL were appointed.

The Treasurer presented his Annual Account.

Society for the relief of the Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen,

In account with HENRY A. TAYLOR, Treasurer.

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|---------------------------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| 1854.—May 1.—By balance,..... | \$482 35 | |
| “ 13.—By amount received from members, .. | 265 50 | |
| “ 20.—By interest on note \$345 82,..... | 27 66 | |
| “ 20.—By a member,..... | 20 00 | |
| “ 22.—To note of this date,.....\$216 00 | | |
| June 1.—By interest on note of \$350,..... | 28 00 | |
| July 13.—By a member,..... | 20 00 | |
| 1855.—Jan. 1.—By note of \$350, with interest, \$16 38, | 366 33 | |
| “ 1.—To note of this date,..... | 366 33 | |
| May 1.—By interest on balance,..... | 38 58 | |
| Balance,..... | 666 09 | • |
| | <hr/> \$1,248 42 | <hr/> \$1,248 42 |
| Securities held by Treasurer,..... | \$1,317 40 | |
| Amount on hand,..... | 666 09 | |

On motion approved.

\$1,983 49

Mr. LAY, of the first Committee, presented the following list of persons wishing to become members of the Society :

C. L. Stickney, Rev. R. D. Nevius, Rev. B. B. Leacock, Dr. Curtis, W. M. Dyer, Mrs. C. A. Pickens, Mrs. Sawyer, Miss E. Dubose, Mrs. S. E. Pasteur, Isaac Croom, Mrs. Avery, Mrs. Thomas Poe and Rev. W. J. Ellis.

The President designated Rev. J. A. MASSEY Preacher of the Sermon for the year 1856, and Rev. J. M. BANISTER, Alternate.

Rev. Mr. LEE presented the following preamble and resolution :

WHEREAS, Since the last meeting of this Society, it has pleased Almighty God to remove from this earthly scene, one of its original and prominent members, Therefore

Resolved, That in the death of Capt. JOHN ELLERBE, this Society has sustained the loss of one who took a lively interest in its cause, and by his earnest zeal, his single hearted devotion, and the general amiability and urbanity of his bearing, had endeared himself to the hearts of all with whom he had been associated.

On motion it was unanimously adopted.

On motion, the Society adjourned, *sine die*.

N. H. COBBS, President.

HENRY A. TAYLOR, Secretary.

APPENDIX.



JOURNALS

OF THE

Primary Conventions

OF THE

DIOCESE OF ALABAMA,

NOT BEFORE PRINTED.

Conventions of 1830.

MOBILE, Monday, January 25th, 1830.

A meeting of the members and friends of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the city of Mobile, and from other parts of the State, was held on Monday morning, January 25th, 1830, for the purpose of giving a more efficient and permanent character to its institutions and for the better administration of its rites and ordinances.

The Rev. Mr. SHAW, of the congregation of this city was called to the Chair, and the Rev. ALBERT A. MULLER, was appointed Secretary.

On motion of GEO. POE, Jr., Esq., it was

Resolved, That the Rev. WILLIAM RICHMOND, from the Diocese of New-York, be invited to a seat in this Convention.

On motion of GEO. W. OWEN, Esq., it was

Resolved, That the Rt. Rev. Bishop BROWNELL, from the Diocese of Connecticut, be respectfully invited to preside in the deliberations of this body, and that the Chairman appoint a Committee to wait upon the Bishop, with a request that he would accede to the wishes of this Convention.

The Chairman appointed Messrs. GEO. W. OWEN, and GEO. POE, Jr., as that Committee, and Rt. Rev. Bishop BROWNELL was introduced by the Committee to the Convention, and accordingly took the Chair.

On motion of GEO. W. OWEN, Esq., it was


Resolved, That the persons composing the meeting deem it expedient more fully to organize the Episcopal Church in this State by the formation of a Diocese.

On motion of HENRY STICKNEY, Esq., it was

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to report a Constitution for this Convention.

The Rev. Mr. SHAW, Dr. R. W. WITHERS and WM. H. ROBERTSON, Esq., were nominated as the Committee.

A Constitution for the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of Alabama was then reported, received and unanimously adopted by the Convention, which is as follows:



CONSTITUTION.

WHEREAS, By the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, a Constitution and Canons have been formed for the discipline and government of the same; and whereas the Church of each individual State or Diocese, composing said General Convention, has adopted rules and regulations for its ecclesiastical administration: Be it therefore

Resolved, That the following Constitution be agreed to, and adopted by the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of Alabama.

ARTICLE 1. This Church hereby accedes to the authority, and recognizes and adopts the Constitution and Canons of the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America.

ART. 2. There shall be a Convention of the Church in this State on the 12th day of May next, in the city of Mobile, and annually thereafter at such time and place as a preceding Convention shall determine; and all Ministers of this Church in regular standing, shall be "*ex officio*" members of the Convention, and each Congregation or Parish shall send a Lay Delegation, not exceeding six members (the number hereafter to be determined by Canon) who, previous to taking their seats, shall produce a certificate of their election.

ART. 3. The Bishop of the Church in this State shall be "*ex officio*" President of the Convention, and in case of his absence, a President, *pro tem.*, shall be elected from among the clerical members present. A Secretary, who shall also be "*ex officio*" Treasurer, shall be annually chosen, who shall keep a correct journal of the proceedings, and also a correct account of all moneys he may receive, to be annually submitted to the Convention.

ART. 4. In the election of a Bishop, the Clergy and Laity shall vote separately (the Clergy individually and the Laity by congregations) and a concurrence of a majority of both orders shall be necessary to constitute a choice.

ART. 5. The Book of Common Prayer and administration of the sacraments, and other rites and ceremonies of the Church, according to the use of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States of America, and no other, shall be used in the Churches in this State.

ART. 6. A Standing Committee, consisting of not more than three Clergymen and three Laymen, shall be appointed at each annual meeting of the Convention for the purposes expressed in the Constitution and Canons of the General Convention. Vacancies in the Committee, (caused by death, resignation or otherwise) shall be supplied by the suffrages of the remaining members.

ART. 7. A proposition to alter this Constitution must be made in writing, and approved by two-thirds of the Convention. It shall then lie over to the next Convention, and if then approved by a majority of the two orders of Clergy and Laity (voting separately) the amendment shall become obligatory.

On motion of WM. H. ROBERTSON, Esq., it was

Resolved, That it is expedient to form a south-western Diocese, to comprise the Dioceses of Mississippi, Louisiana and Alabama, and that for this purpose the next Convention of the Church in this State will choose six Delegates from the Clergy and Laity, to meet an equal number from each of the States of Mississippi and Louisiana, at such time and place as the said delegation, by correspondence, may determine.

On motion of SAMUEL H. GARROW, Esq., it was

Resolved, That the Secretary of this Convention transmit to the

Secretaries of the Convention of Mississippi and Louisiana copies of the foregoing resolution.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. SHAW, it was

Resolved, That the Chair appoint the Standing Committee of the Church in this State.

Wherefore the Chairman appointed the Rev. A. A. MULLER and the Rev. HENRY M. SHAW, of the Clergy, and Messrs. GEO. POE, Jr., GEO. W. OWEN and GEO. STARR of the Laity.

On motion of GEO. POE, Jr., Esq., it was

Resolved, That EDWARD HALL of this city be appointed Secretary of this Convention.

On motion of the same gentleman, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention be given to the Rt. Rev. Bishop BROWNELL, of the Diocese of Connecticut, and the Rev. WM. RICHMOND, of New-York, for their visit to this State, and the interest they have evinced in the promotion of this Convention.

On motion of DAVID FILES, Jr., Esq., it was

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention be given to the Rev. Mr. MULLER, who acted as Secretary.

On motion of the same gentleman, it was

Resolved, That the proceedings of this Convention be published in the papers of this city.

After prayers by the Bishop, the Convention, on motion of WM. H. ROBERTSON, adjourned *sine die*.

MOBILE, May 12, 1830.

The Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the State of Alabama, met this day.

Present—Rev. Mr. SHAW, GEO. POE, Jr., G. W. OWEN, of the Church of Mobile; WM. R. COLGIN, GEO. STARR, A. P. BALDWIN, of the Church at Tuskaloosa, by GEO. POE, Jr.; Dr. R. W. WITHERS, Dr. MEADE, of the Church of Greensboro', by J. F. ROSS.

The Rev. Mr. SHAW was called to the Chair.

The Convention was opened with prayer.

On motion of Mr. OWEN, it was *Resolved*, That the Convention adjourn to meet again on the first Monday of January, 1831. The place of meeting determined by vote, Mobile and Tuskaloosa being in nomination, the delegation from Tuskaloosa and Greensboro' voting for Tuskaloosa, and the delegation from Mobile, with the Chair, voting for Mobile. There being an equal vote the motion was lost.

Mr. ROSS moved Tuskaloosa to be the place of meeting, which was agreed to without division.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the delegations from Tuska-
loosa and Greensboro' of the proceedings of this Convention,
when the Convention closed with prayer.

(Signed)

EDWARD HALL, Secretary.

Convention of 1831.

TUSKALOOSA, January 3, 1831.

This being the day to which the last preceding Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the State of Alabama, held at Mobile on the 12th May last, adjourned, the Convention met in pursuance thereof, in Christ Church, Tuskaloosa. Divine Service was performed, and an appropriate sermon preached by the Rev. ALBERT A. MULLER, Rector of said Church.

Upon a call of the Convention, the following persons appeared and were accredited as Delegates duly appointed to the same, viz:

Rev. A. A. MULLER, Rector of Christ Church, Tuskaloosa; WM. R. COLGIN, Dr. JAMES M. DAVENPORT, BENJ. F. RANDOLPH and A. P. BALDWIN, Vestrymen of said Church.

By a previous resolution the Wardens and Vestry of this Church were delegated as a body to represent the interests of the same; claiming, however, but an equal voice with other Churches represented.

The Rev. HENRY A. SHAW, of the Episcopal congregation of Mobile, entitled to a seat in this Convention, did not appear, in consequence of which no Parochial reports from that Church have been received.

From Mobile, Hon. ABNER S. LIPSCOMB and JOHN ELLIOTT, Esq. From Greensboro', Hon. JOHN GAYLE and Dr. R. W. WITHERS.

On motion of Dr. DAVENPORT, the Convention proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year, whereupon the Rev. ALBERT A. MULLER was duly elected President, and A. P. BALDWIN, Secretary and Treasurer.

On motion of Judge LIPSCOMB, the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to enquire into the present state and prospects of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Alabama, and that they report as early as practicable. Upon which Committee were appointed the following gentlemen :

Dr. JAS. M. DAVENPORT, Hon. A. S. LIPSCOMB, Wm. R. COLSON and JOHN R. ELLIOTT, Esq.

Judge GAYLE, introduced the following resolution, which was adopted.

Resolved, That a Committee be now appointed to prepare and report suitable Canons for the government of the Church in this State. Whereupon the following gentlemen were appointed said Committee :

Judge GAYLE, GEO. STARR, B. F. RANDOLPH and Dr. R. W. WITHERS.

On motion, the Convention adjourned until 6½ o'clock, to-morrow evening.

TUESDAY EVENING, January 4, 1831.

The Convention met according to adjournment.

Present, as on yesterday, with the addition of HENRY MINOR, a Vestryman of Christ Church, Tuscaloosa, who appeared and took his seat in the Convention.

The Rev. ALBERT A. MULLER, of Christ Church, Tuscaloosa, presented his Parochial report, from which it appears there were during the past year: Baptisms, adults, 14, children 30. Total, 44. Marriages, none, Funerals, 3, Communicants, 24. In the congregation at Greensboro', Rev. A. A. MULLER, visitor : Baptisms, 6, Marriages, 2, Communicants, 5.

Dr. DAVENPORT, from the Committee to which the subject was referred, made the following report, which was unanimously adopted :

The Committee appointed to inquire into the present state and prospects of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Alabama, beg leave respectfully to report to the Convention that from all the information they have been able to collect on this important and interesting subject, they are deeply impressed with the entire and absolute necessity which exists for an increased exertion of Christian devotion and Godly zeal among the members and friends of the Episcopal Communion in this State. They are aware of the many difficulties which must necessarily present themselves in the organization of a Church, whose faith, doctrines and discipline are but little known, and imperfectly understood among a great portion of the citizens of this favored section of country. In this respect they are anxiously concerned, and deeply solicitous that the faith and services of the Episcopal Church should be faithfully and affectionately developed among the brethren at large; that its Scriptural character, its Divine ordinances, its reasonable and enlightened services, and its apostolic institutions, should be ably set forth in the mild, temperate and

judicious administration of a devoted, Godly and intelligent Ministry. Your Committee further believe that if zealous and faithful Missionaries were sent into this State, by the wisdom, liberality and patronage of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the United States, incalculable benefits would result to the cause of religion and the Church of God. They are of opinion that prejudices, which in many places now exist against the services of the Church, would be greatly removed; its doctrines better understood, its faith more distinctly revealed, and its ordinances justly appreciated; and the comfortable Gospel of Christ would be faithfully received, and powerfully experienced, in the total extinguishment of all error, prejudice and pride, and in the growth, prevalence and continued operations of Christian piety and Heavenly clemency. In conclusion, your Committee are animated by the cheering circumstances which have surrounded the faithful, judicious and pious exertions of the friends of the Church in this State during the past year, and they are filled with the hope that the day is not distant, when, in spreading the truth, and illustrating the precepts of the Gospel, in this branch of her household, the Church will cause the "wilderness and the solitary places to become glad for her appearance, and the desert of sin and iniquity to rejoice and blossom as the rose."

Signed in behalf of the Committee,

JAS. M. DAVENPORT.

Judge GAYLE, from the Committee appointed to prepare suitable Canons for the government of the Church in this State, reported the same, which were adopted, viz :

C A N O N S

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH, IN THE STATE OF ALABAMA.

CANON 1. A stated Convention, consisting of the Bishop, Presbyters, Deacons and Lay Delegates in the State of Alabama, in Communion with the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, shall be held annually on the first Monday in January at such place as shall have been determined on by the preceding Convention, but if a sufficient number of the Churches of this State do not attend on the same day, the representatives, whether Clergy or Laity, or any two of them assembled, shall have power to adjourn, from day to day, until a quorum, which shall consist of at least a majority of the Church in this State, shall be present.

CANON 2. The several congregations, composing the Church in Alabama, shall in such means, and at such times as they may deem proper, elect a number of Delegates, not exceeding five, to represent them in the Convention of the State, and to serve for the term of one year, who, before they shall be permitted to take their seats in the Convention, shall produce a certificate of their election.

CANON 3. The approving or receiving any Clergyman into a Church or congregation in this State shall be vested in the Vestry of the Church, or Vestry and Church Wardens, as the case may be, having authority so to do, and when there is no Vestry and Church Wardens, in the congregation which supports him, and receives the benefit of his Ministry: *Provided*, That no Clergyman shall be admitted to the Pastoral charge of any Church in this State, unless he first produce to the Vestry having such authority, or the Vestry and Church Wardens, as the case may be, a certificate from the Bishop, or in case there be no Bishop, a certificate from the Standing Committee, as the case may be, letters of orders and testimonials of religious and moral con-

duct, as required by the Canons of the General Convention, and that his letters of orders, and testimonials of religious and moral conduct, are by him, the Bishop, or by them, the Standing Committee, approved.

CANON 4. The representatives of any congregation, hereafter organized within this State, shall be admitted to a seat in this Convention, by a vote of the same.

The President laid before the Convention the following letter, which was read and ordered to be entered upon the Journals of this Convention :

NATCHEZ, May 20, 1880.

DEAR SIR: I have the pleasure of forwarding to you the annexed resolutions, which were passed at a Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, of the Diocese of Mississippi, held in Trinity Church, Natchez, on Wednesday, 6th May, 1880.

Resolved, That this Convention deems it advisable to accede to the proposition from the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of Alabama, held at Mobile, 25th January, 1880, inviting the Dioceses of Mississippi and Louisiana to unite with them in the formation of a Diocese, to be composed of the States of Mississippi, Louisiana and Alabama, to be called "THE SOUTH-WESTERN DIOCESE."

Resolved, That for the purpose of carrying into effect the foregoing resolution, this Convention will elect six Delegates from the Clergy and Laity, to meet an equal number of Delegates from the States of Louisiana and Alabama, at such time and place as said Delegation, by correspondence, may determine upon.

Resolved, That the Secretary of this Convention transmit to the Secretaries of the Conventions of Louisiana and Alabama, copies of the foregoing resolutions. Respectfully, your obedient servant,

(Signed,)

JUSTIN W. FOOT, Sec. Con. Mississippi.

To EDWARD HALL, Esq., Sec. Con. Alabama.

P. S.—The Rev. JOHN C. PORTER, WM. A. MERCER, M. D., JUSTIN W. FOOT, Esq., A. M. FETTER, Esq., Col. J. G. WOOD, and T. B. MAGRUKIE, were elected Delegates.

JOHN ELLIOTT, Esq., moved the following resolution :

Resolved, That a delegation of six members of this body be appointed to meet the delegations of Louisiana and Mississippi, with full instructions to carry into effect the measure proposed by the Convention of the Church in Alabama, viz: The union of the States of Mississippi, Louisiana and Alabama into a Diocese, to be called "THE SOUTH-WESTERN DIOCESE."

Which resolution being adopted, the following gentlemen were appointed to form such delegation :

Rev. A. A. MULLER, of Tuscaloosa; Rev. H. A. SHAW, of Mobile; Hon. A. S. LIPSCOMB, JOHN ELLIOTT, Esq., Dr. JAS. M. DAVENPORT and A. P. BALDWIN.

Judge LIPSCOMB moved the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That the Delegates appointed to meet the Delegates from Mississippi and Louisiana, be authorized to appear and vote by proxy.

Ordered, That the Secretary of this Convention correspond with the Secretary of the Convention of Mississippi, in reference to the time and place of holding the General Convention for the formation of the proposed Diocese.

Judge GAYLE offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That it is advisable that the President of this Convention appoint the Lay members of the Annual Standing Committee, to be appointed under the 6th article of the Constitution, from among the delegation of Christ Church, Tuskaloosa.

Which resolution was adopted, and the following gentlemen appointed said Committee :

Rev. H. A. SHAW, of Christ Church, Mobile; Wm. R. COLGIN, GEORGE STARR and HENRY MINOR, Esqs., of Tuskaloosa, Lay members.

On motion of JOHN ELLIOTT, Esq., the President was added to this Committee.

Judge LIPSCOMB offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention be tendered to the Rt. Rev. THOMAS C. BROWNELL, of the Diocese of Connecticut, for his signal and highly appreciated services to the Church in Alabama, and that he be respectfully and affectionately invited to receive the same under his charge and direction, by the provisions of the 20th Canon of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the United States, and to perform such Episcopal services as may be required by the Church in this State.

Mr. COLGIN offered the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That the next annual Convention be held in Christ Church, Tuskaloosa.

Dr. WITHERS introduced the following resolution :

Resolved, That 350 copies of the Journal of this Convention be printed, together with the Constitution of the Church in this State.

Judge LIPSCOMB proposed to amend the resolution, by adding the following: "and that the Rev. Mr. MULLER be respectfully requested to permit his sermon, preached on the opening of this Convention, to be printed with the same."

The amendment being accepted by the gentleman who moved the resolution, and the Rev. President consenting to comply with the request therein contained, the resolution, with the amendment, was adopted.

Ordered, That the Secretary superintend the printing contemplated in the foregoing resolution.

On motion, adjourned to Saturday at half-past 2 o'clock, P. M.

SATURDAY, January 8, 1831.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—the Rev. President, WM. R. COLGIN, JOHN ELLIOTT, A. S. LIPSCOMB and A. P. BALDWIN.

WM. ACKLIN and JAS. PENN, Esqs., appeared and produced satisfactory credentials of their appointment to this Convention, as Lay Delegates from the town of Huntsville. They took their seats accordingly in the Convention.

The entire proceedings were then read by the Secretary, and approved of by the Convention, when the labors were closed by prayers by the Rev. President, and, on motion of Judge LIPSCOMB, the Convention adjourned *sine die*.

(Signed,) A. A. MULLER, President.

(Signed,)

A. P. BALDWIN, Secretary.

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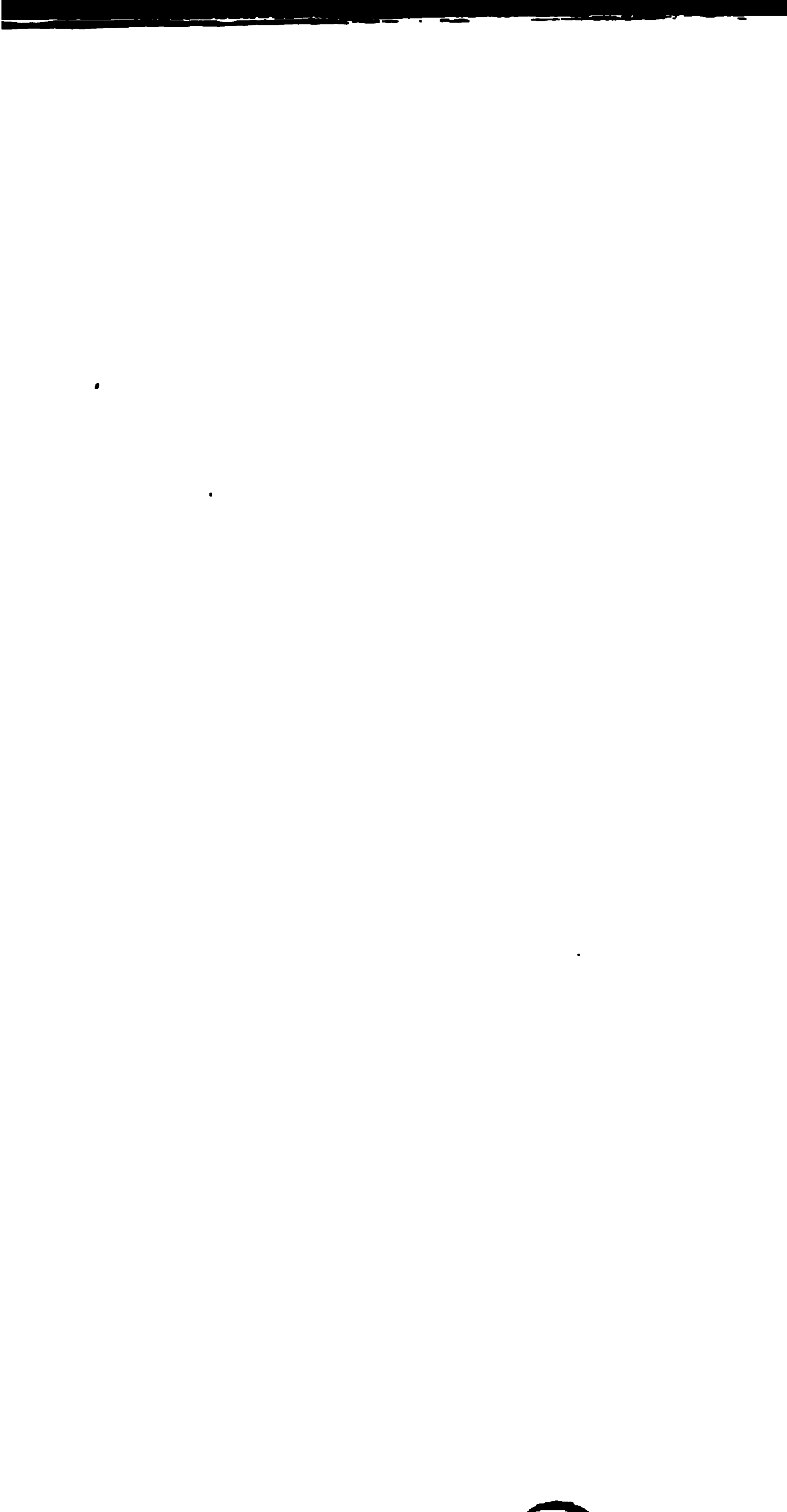
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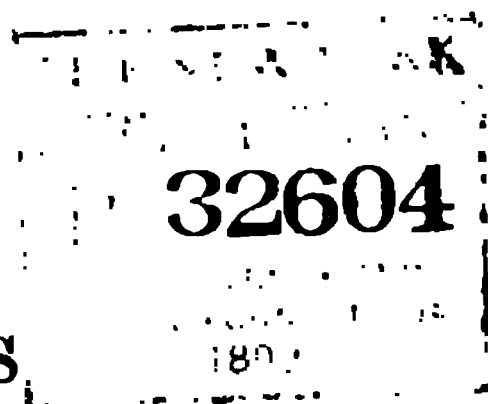
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List of Clergy in the Diocese of Alabama.

IN ATTENDANCE.

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| Rt. Rev. N. H. COBBS, D. D., | St. John's Church, Montgomery. |
| Rev. J. M. BANISTER, | St. Paul's Church, Greensboro'. |
| " *R. A. COBBS, | |
| " G. F. CUSHMAN, | St. Luke's Church, Cahaba. |
| " F. R. HANSON, | Trinity Church, Demopolis, and St. Andrew's, Macon. |
| " J. H. INGRAHAM, | St. John's Church, Mobile. |
| " H. C. LAY, | Church of the Nativity, Huntsville. |
| " B. B. LEACOCK, | Christ Church, Mobile. |
| " F. B. LEE, | St. Paul's Church, Carlowville. |
| " A. MANÆOS, (Deacon,) | St. Michael's Church, Marengo County. |
| " J. A. MASSEY, | Trinity Church, Mobile. |
| " J. M. MITCHELL, (Assistant Rector,) | St. John's Church, Montgomery. |
| " R. D. NEVIUS, | Christ Church, Tuscaloosa. |
| " *W. J. PERDUE, | St. Peter's Church, Lowndes County. |
| " W. A. STICKNEY, | St. Wilfrid's Church, Marion. |
| " G. W. STICKNEY, (Deacon,) | |
| | Missionary at Auburn, and St. John's in the Wilderness. |

NOT IN ATTENDANCE.

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| " *THOS. A. COOK, | Residing at Talladega. |
| " W. FAYETTE DAVIDSON, (Deacon,) | Missionary to Montevallo. |
| " WM. J. ELLIS, | St. James' Church, Eufaula. |
| " *W. JOHNSON, | Residing near Tuscaloosa. |
| " THOS. A. MORRIS, | Missionary in Marshall and Jackson Counties. |
| " J. J. NICHOLSON, | Missionary in the neighborhood of Montgomery. |
| " *J. B. RAMSDELL, | Residing in Indiana. |
| " J. M. ROBERTSON, | Missionary in Limestone and Madison Counties. |
| " S. U. SMITH, | St. Stephen's and St. Mark's Church, Greene County. |
| " L. R. STAUDENMAYER, | St. Luke's Church, Jacksonville. |
| " JAS. H. TICKNOR, | St. James' Church, Livingston. |
| " *GEORGE WHITE, | Trinity Church, Florence. |

* Not entitled to seats.

List of Lay Delegates.

Christ Church, Mobile—

*ROBERT S. BUNKER,
*W. ALDERSON
J. A. M. BATTLE,
*DANIEL MCNEIL,
*H. A. SCHROEDER.

St. Paul's Church, Greensboro'—

*ISAAC CROOM,
*ROBT. B. WALLER,
SYDENHAM MOORE,
*J. B. STICKNEY,
*A. BENNERS.

St. Paul's Church, Carlouville—

*H. L. ALISON,
J. D. ALISON,
THOS. DEAS,
B. REYNOLDS,
J. M. LEE

St. James' Church, Livingston—

L. H. ANDERSON,
B. B. LITTLE,
T. F. MAURY,
H. R. THORNTON,
WALTER WINSTON.

St. John's Church, Montgomery—

C. T. POLLARD,
*SAML. G. JONES,
*M. J. CONLEY,
T. B. TAYLOR,
A. R. BELL

St. Luke's Church, Cahaba—

*N. H. R. DAWSON,
THOS. M. MATTHEWS,
M. TROY,
*D. S. TROY.

St. David's Church, Dallas County—

*ALEX. ELLERBE.

St. Wilfrid's Church, Marion—

*J. D. PHELAN,
*L. H. SEAWELL,
*R. T. JONES,
L. N. WALTHALL,
E. L. STICKNEY.

Trinity Church, Demopolis—

F. S. LYON,
H. W. REENE,
GAIVS WHITFIELD,
N. B. WHITFIELD.

St. Michael's Church, Marengo Co.—

*THOS. A. HARRISON,
*DAVID MINGE

St. Andrew's Church, Macon—

J. H. DUBOSE,
J. W. TAYLOR,
*H. A. TAYLOR.

Church of the Holy Cross, Uniontown—

D. W. PITTS,
*EDWIN SHIELD.

Trinity Church, Mobile—

C. C. HAZARD,
*THOS. LESESNE,
*B. LABUZAN,
*G. F. BOONE,
*R. B. OWEN.

St. John's Church, Mobile—

*F. E. GORDON,
W. P. HAMMOND,
JAS. BOND.

St. Peter's Church, Lowndes County—

*JOHN P. BROWN.

Grace Church, St. Stephens—

C. STITH.

* Those thus marked were in attendance.

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TRINITY CHURCH, MOBILE, }
Ascension Day, Thursday, May 1, 1856. }

THIS being the time appointed for the meeting of the Twenty-Fifth Annual Convention of the Diocese of Alabama, the Clergy and Laity assembled in Trinity Church—Divine Service commenced about 11 o'clock, A. M. Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. Messrs. LEE and COBBS, and the Communion Service by the Rt. Rev. Bishop of the Diocese and Rev. J. A. MASSEY, Rector of the Church. The Sermon was preached by the Rev. F. R. HANSON, from 4th Chapter of St. Paul's Second Epistle to Timothy, 6th, 7th and 8th verses :

“For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand.

I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith :

Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day ; and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.”

The Holy Communion was administered by the Bishop, assisted in the distribution of the elements by the Rev. Messrs. MASSEY and LEE.

After the Benediction, the Convention was called to order by the Rt. Rev. N. H. COBBS, D. D. On motion, H. A. TAYLOE was elected Secretary *pro tempore*. The Bishop then presented the list of the Clergy *canonically* connected with the Diocese.

Rt. Rev. N. H. COBBS, D. D., Rector of St. John's Church, Montgomery.

Rev. J. M. BANISTER, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Greensboro'.

“ R. A. COBBS.

“ THOS. A. COOK, residing at Talladega.

“ GEO. F. CUSHMAN, Rector of St. Luke's Church, Cahaba.

“ W. FAYETTE DAVIDSON, Missionary to Montevallo.

“ WM. J. ELLIS, Rector of St. James' Church, Eufaula.

“ F. R. HANSON, Rector of Trinity Church, Demopolis, and St. Andrew's Church, Macon.

“ WM. JOHNSON, residing near Tuskalooosa.

“ J. H. INGRAHAM, Rector of St. John's Church, Mobile.

“ H. C. LAY, Rector of the Church of the Nativity, Huntsville.

“ F. B. LEE, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Carlowville.

“ B. B. LEACOCK, Rector of Christ Church, Mobile.

“ J. A. MASSEY, Rector of Trinity Church, Mobile.

Rev. J. M. MITCHELL, Assistant Rector of St. John's Church, Montgomery.

- " **THOS. A. MORRIS, Missionary in Marshall and Jackson Counties.**
- " **A. MANÆOS, Deacon, Rector of St. Michael's Church, Marengo County.**
- " **R. D. NEVIUS, Rector of Christ Church, Tuscaloosa.**
- " **J. J. NICHOLSON, Missionary in the neighborhood of Montgomery.**
- " **W. J. PERDUE, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Lowndes County.**
- " **J. M. ROBERTSON, Missionary in Limestone and Madison Counties.**
- " **J. B. RAMSDALL, residing in Indiana.**
- " **L. R. STAUDENMAYER, Rector of St. Luke's Church, Jacksonville.**
- " **S. U. SMITH, Rector of St. Stephen's Church, Eutaw, and St. Mark's Church, Greene County.**
- " **WM. A. STICKNEY, Rector of St. Wilfrid's Church, Marion.**
- " **GEO. W. STICKNEY, Missionary at Auburn and St. John's Church in the Wilderness.**
- " **J. H. TICKNOR, Rector of St. James' Church, Livingston.**
- " **GEORGE WHITE, Rector of Trinity Church, Florence.**

From the above list the Secretary called the names of Clergy entitled to seats in the Convention.

Rt. Rev. N. H. COBBS, D. D.

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| Rev. J. M. BANISTER, | Rev. THOS. A. MORRIS, |
| " GEO. F. CUSHMAN, | " A. MANÆOS, |
| " W. FAYETTE DAVIDSON, | " R. D. NEVIUS, |
| " W. J. ELLIS, | " J. J. NICHOLSON, |
| " F. R. HANSON, | " J. M. ROBERTSON, |
| " J. H. INGRAHAM, | " L. R. STAUDENMAYER, |
| " H. C. LAY, | " S. U. SMITH, |
| " F. B. LEE, | " WM. A. STICKNEY, |
| " B. B. LEACOCK, | " GEO. W. STICKNEY, |
| " J. A. MASSEY, | " J. H. TICKNOR. |
| " J. M. MITCHELL, | |

Their names being called, the following Clergy were found to be in attendance :

Rt. Rev. N. H. COBBS, D. D.

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| Rev. J. M. BANISTER, | Rev. A. MANÆOS, |
| " G. F. CUSHMAN, | " J. A. MASSEY, |
| " F. R. HANSON, | " J. M. MITCHELL, |
| " J. H. INGRAHAM, | " R. D. NEVIUS, |
| " B. B. LEACOCK, | " W. A. STICKNEY, |
| " F. B. LEE, | " GEO. W. STICKNEY. |

The list of Parishes was then called, and Certificates of Election were presented and referred to a Committee upon Certificates of Election, consisting of Rev. Messrs. LEE, WM. A. STICKNEY and MITCHELL.

The Committee upon Certificates of Election, having examined the same, reported them in due form—

St. Paul's Church, Carlowville.—H. L. Alison, J. D. Alison, Thomas Deas, B. Reynolds, J. M. Lee.

Trinity Church, Mobile.—C. C. Hazard, Thos. Lesesne, B. Labuzan, Geo. F. Boone, R. B. Owen.

St. David's Church, Dallas County.—A. W. Ellerbe.

St. Michael's Church, Marengo County.—Thos. A. Harrison, David Minge.

St. Andrew's Church, Macon.—J. H. Dubose, J. W. Tayloe, H. A. Tayloe.

Church of the Holy Cross, Uniontown.—D. W. Pitts, Edwin Shield.

St. Luke's Church, Cahaba.—N. H. R. Dawson, Thos. M. Matthews, M. Troy, D. S. Troy.

Trinity Church, Demopolis.—F. S. Lyon, H. W. Reese, Gaius Whitfield, N. B. Whitfield.

Christ Church, Mobile.—Robert S. Bunker, Wm. Alderson, J. A. M. Battle, Daniel McNeil, H. A. Schroeder.

St. Paul's Church, Greensboro'.—Isaac Croom, Robert B. Waller, Sydenham Moore, J. B. Stickney, A. Benners.

St. James' Church, Livingston.—L. H. Anderson, B. B. Little, T. F. Maury, H. R. Thornton, Walter Winston.

St. Peter's Church, Lowndes County.—John P. Broun.

St. John's Church, Mobile.—F. E. Gordon, W. P. Hammond, James Bond.

St. John's Church, Montgomery.—C. T. Pollard, Saml'l G. Jones, M. J. Conley, T. B. Taylor, A. R. Bell.

St. Wilfrid's Church, Marion.—J. D. Phelan, L. H. Seawell, R. T. Jones, L. N. Walthall, E. L. Stickney.

Their names being called, the following Delegates were found in attendance :

Messrs. H. L. ALISON,
THOS. LESESNE,
G. F. BOONE,
R. B. OWEN,
ALEX. ELLERBE,
THOS. A. HARRISON,
DAVID MINGE,
H. A. TAYLOE,
EDWIN SHIELD,
D. S. TROY,
ROBERT S. BUNKER,

Messrs. WM. ALDERSON,
DANL. MCNEIL,
H. A. SCHROEDER,
ISAAC CROOM,
ROBT. B. WALLER,
J. B. STICKNEY,
A. BENNERS,
F. E. GORDON,
M. J. CONLEY,
J. D. PHELAN.

A Constitutional quorum being present, the President declared the Convention duly organized.

On motion, HENRY A. TAYLOE was unanimously chosen Secretary.

On motion, *Resolved*, That any Clergyman of the Protestant Episcopal Church, not entitled to a seat, and Candidates for Orders, be invited to seats in the Convention, and report their names to the Secretary.

Whereupon, the Rev. Messrs. COBBS and PERDUE took seats in the Convention.

The President appointed the Rev. Messrs. MASSEY and LEACOCK of the Clergy, and Wm. ALDERSON of the Laity, a Committee on the Admission of new Parishes.

Applications of admission into union were made from St. Paul's Church, Lowndesborough, and Grace Church, St. Stephen's, and on motion referred to the above Committee.

On motion, *Resolved*, That a Committee of five members be appointed to enquire into the expediency of a new organization of the Diocesan Missionary Society, with a view to its greater efficiency.

Whereupon the President appointed the following members to compose said Committee: Rev. Messrs. CUSHMAN and INGRAHAM of the Clergy, and Messrs. CONLEY, BUNKER and BENNERS of the Laity.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the fourth section of the third Rule of Order, be amended by adding the words, "The Committee on Canons," after the words: The Committee on the state of the Church.

The President appointed the following Standing Committees:

Committee on the state of the Church.—Rev. Messrs. LAY, LEE and NEVIUS.

Committee on Canons.—Rev. Messrs. HANSON and BANISTER of the Clergy, and Messrs. PHELAN, CROOM and ELLERBE of the Laity.

Committee on Finance.—Messrs. ELLERBE, PIERCE, F. E. GORDON, ALISON, WALLER, HARRISON, S. G. JONES, TROY, SCHROEDER, ANDERSON, TAYLOE, LESESNE and BROWN.

Committee on Unfinished Business.—Rev. Messrs. S. U. SMITH and GEO. W. STICKNEY.

On motion, the Convention adjourned until 9 o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

TRINITY CHURCH, MOBILE, }
Friday, May 2d, 9 o'clock, A. M. }

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment. The roll was called. Messrs. L. H. SEAWELL and R. T. JONES, Delegates from St. Wilfrid's Church, Marion, appeared and took their seats. The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

Rev. H. C. LAY appeared and took his seat.

Rev. J. J. SCOTT, D. D., of the Diocese of Florida, took a seat in the Convention.

Rev. GEO. F. CUSHMAN, Secretary of the Standing Committee, made the following report:

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

The Standing Committee beg leave to report that they were organized by the election of Rev. J. A. MASSEY, President, and Rev. GEO. F. CUSHMAN, Secretary. They have recommended to the Bishop, to be admitted to the Holy Order of Priests, Rev. L. R. STAUDENMAYER, and to the Holy Order of Deacons, Messrs. G. W. STICKNEY, A. MANEOS and W. F. DAVIDSON.

They have also signed the canonical testimonial in favor of Messrs. R. H. COBBS and C. A. DERBY, applying to be admitted candidates for Holy Orders. The Com-

mittee regret to state that since the last Convention their Book of Records has been accidentally destroyed by fire—a serious loss, but not irreparable, as the Journals of the Convention, could a complete set be found, would contain an abstract of the proceedings of the Committee.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

GEO. F. CUSHMAN, Secretary.

The Committee on the Admission of new Parishes made a verbal report.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the report of the Committee on the Admission of New Parishes be recommitted, with instructions to report something definite for the action of the Convention.

On motion, the Rules of Order were suspended.

The Bishop then read his Annual Address.

BISHOP'S ADDRESS.

In laying before the Convention an account of my official acts, according to the requirements of the Canons, I would remark that my report will show, that during the past year I have been enabled to perform only a portion of my usual amount of annual labor. For nearly two months after the Convention I was confined at home by indisposition. During a good portion of the fall I did not feel at liberty to leave my family and congregation, on account of the Epidemic which prevailed in Montgomery. For two months in the winter it was almost impossible to travel through the country, or to collect a congregation, in consequence of the inclemency of the weather, and the deranged state of the roads; and during a good part of April I have been compelled to lie on my couch, the victim of severe pain and suffering. Should the Lord mercifully grant me health and strength, it is my purpose to complete the entire visitation of the Parishes by the last of June.

At the close of the last annual Convention in Greensboro', G. W. Stickney was ordained a Deacon, and the Rev. J. B. Ramsdell was admitted to the Priesthood. Mr. Stickney was presented by the Rev. J. A. Massey, and Mr. Ramsdell was presented by the Rev. G. F. Cushman. The Sermon was preached by myself. In the afternoon of the same day one person was confirmed.

Monday in Whitsuntide.—Confirmed one person in St. John's Church, Montgomery.

June 12.—Confirmed three persons in St. John's Church, Montgomery.

First Sunday in Nov.—Visited Tuskaloosa, preached a number of times, confirmed seven persons and administered the Communion. I was gratified to find this Parish flourishing under the faithful labors of the Rev. Mr. Nevius.

Nov. 5.—Started from Tuskaloosa to visit Elyton, but had to return without accomplishing the object, being detained on the road by heavy rains. Mr. Nevius has consented to give occasional services to Elyton, until a Minister can be obtained.

Nov. 9.—Visited Eutaw, and preached twice.

Second Sunday in Nov.—Preached in St. Mark's Church, in the Fork, Greene county, and confirmed one person.

Nov. 12 and 13.—Visited Livingston, preached a number of times and confirmed two persons.

Third Sunday in Nov.—Visited Choctaw county and preached at Pushmataha, and at Butler, the county town. Here there is a good opening for the establishment of the Church.

pleted and consecrated since the last Convention, and is now so nearly filled that more Pews are already in demand.

Since the commencement of the current year, Divine service has been celebrated in the Church, daily.

The old Church is retained by the Vestry chiefly for the use of the Blacks, for whom service is held every Sunday afternoon.

An interesting Sunday School of colored people is also successfully conducted in it by several zealous ladies of the Parish.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, GREENSBORO'.—Rev. J. M. BANISTER, Rector.

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| Baptisms—White, adults, 1, infants, 9,..... | Total, 10 |
| Colored, adults,..... | 2 |
| Marriages—White,..... | 3 |
| Deaths—White,..... | 6 |
| Communicants—White, at the last report, 73, added, 4, suspended, 3, died, 2,..... | present number, 74 |
| Sunday Schools—Teachers,..... | 5 |
| Communion administered,..... | 10 |
| Communion Offerings,..... | \$ 80 40 |
| Collections—Diocesan Missions,..... | 52 25 |
| Domestic "..... | 20 00 |
| Foreign "..... | 132 00 |
| For Church purposes generally,..... | 1,865 75 |

Time spent in the Parish in the performance of its regular duties, since last report, nearly twelve months.

As the Bishop was prevented by sickness from visiting this Parish, there are no confirmations to report, and a smaller addition to the list of Communicants than usual. Since last Convention the new chancel that was then incomplete, has been finished and paid for, at a cost of \$1,175. The sum of five hundred dollars has also been raised for the purchase of a new Organ.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, TUSCUMBIA.—Rev. R. A. COBBS, late Rector.

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| Baptisms—White, adults, 1, infants, 3,..... | Total, 4 |
| Marriages—White,..... | 2 |
| Deaths—White,..... | 3 |
| Communicants—White, at the last report 31, removed, 7, died, 1,..... | present number, 23 |
| Sunday Schools—Teachers, 3; scholars, 12,..... | Total, 12 |
| Library Books,..... | 150 |
| Communion administered,..... | 6 |
| Communion Offerings,..... | \$36 27 |
| Collections—Christmas Fund,..... | 6 40 |
| Domestic and Foreign Missions,..... | 5 25 |

Time spent in the Parish, in the performance of its regular duties, since last report, nine months.

This Parish is now vacant, the undersigned having been constrained, by various considerations, to seek another field of labor. It has suffered much by removals and death, but still offers an interesting field of usefulness to an active and energetic Minister.

R. A. COBBS, late Rector.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, CAMDEN.—Rev. G. F. CUSHMAN, Missionary.

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| Baptisms—White, adults,..... | 2 |
| Deaths—White,..... | 1 |
| Communicants—White, at the last report, 11,.,..... | present number, 10 |

The Missionary officiated at this station somewhat irregularly until the first of April, when the increasing cares of his own charge required him to give it up. He reports the Church finished, and ready for Consecration, and trusts that they will soon be able to secure the services of a regular Minister.

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, CAHABA.—Rev. Geo. F. Cushman, Rector.

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| Baptisms—White, adults, 6, infants, 7,..... | Total, 13 |
| Colored, infants,..... | 6 |
| Confirmations—White,..... | 11 |
| Deaths—White, 5, colored, 1,..... | Total, 6 |
| Communicants—White, at the last report, 21,..... | present number, 35 |
| Sunday Schools—Teachers 5; scholars, 81,..... | Total, 81 |
| Library Books,..... | 200 |
| Communions administered,..... | 7 |
| Communion Alma,..... | \$31 70 |
| Collections—Diocesan Missions,..... | 13 00 |
| Domestic "..... | 11 15 |
| Foreign "..... | 6 00 |
| Widows and Orphans,..... | 5 00 |

Time spent in the Parish, in the performance of its regular duties, since last report, nine and a half months.

The Rector cannot permit himself to close this report without a repeated and earnest acknowledgment of the kindness and liberality, not only of the Parish, but of the community in which he lives. At the Nativity, as it were by the magic of kindness, a Christmas tree was made to bear golden fruit for him, in one way and another, to an amount equal to one-third of his salary. When the devouring element stripped him of his possessions and left him naked to the charity of the community and the world, they responded at once, and most liberally, and the Rector can literally say, when he remembers the promise of his salary and its fulfillment, that the half was not told him. It has been, what with the Christmas joy and the Lenten sorrow, more than doubled. The Rector has also to acknowledge an unsolicited and very handsome permanent increase of his salary, voted by his Vestry at Easter. But far above these pecuniary considerations does he gratefully appreciate the uniform sympathy and kindness which he has experienced at the hands of all his people, and which has made him feel more and more, as time rolls on, that his lines have fallen to him in pleasant places, and that he has come to a goodly heritage. May the Lord recompense their kindness a thousand fold, and give them all things richly to enjoy.

The Rector desires to make this report the medium of acknowledging the many tokens of sympathy and substantial aid which has been freely extended to him by the Rt. Rev. Bishop Cobbs, Rev. J. M. Mitchell, and members of the congregation of St. John's Church, Montgomery; Rev. R. D. Nevius, and members of Christ Church, Tuscaloosa; Rev. W. J. Perdue, of St. Peter's Church, Lowndes county; Rev. F. B. Lee, St. Paul's Church, Carlowville; Rev. H. C. Lay, and members of the congregation of the Church of the Nativity, Huntsville, and to a member of the congregation of St. John's Church in the Wilderness, Russel county.

REPORT OF REV. W. FAYETTE DAVIDSON.

SELMA, April 28, 1856.

Rt. Rev. N. H. Cobbs, D. D., *Bishop of the Diocese of Alabama*:

REVEREND FATHER: In accordance with Canon XII., Section 1, requiring a report of occasional services performed, I herewith transmit to you a schedule of my labor.

On the 31st of March, (first Sunday after Easter) by invitation of the Rector, performed service twice in St. Luke's Church, Cahaba. On 6th April, (second Sunday after Easter) by invitation of Wardens, performed service twice in St. Paul's Church, Selma. On 13th and 20th the same. On the 18th, buried Mr. Wm. Jameson, a baptised and confirmed member of St. Paul's Church, Selma.

On the 27th (fifth Sunday after Easter) held services twice in Montevallo, Shelby county.

In accordance with your desire I would here give you an account of this last mission. On reaching Montevallo, I was warmly greeted by the little band of Churchmen, numbering thirteen adults and five minors.

I am happy to state that my visit has been the means of accomplishing some good, which I trust may prove beneficial to the Church. Our people here, have sadly felt the want of the services of the Church, and were disposed to look upon themselves as forgotten; but on learning my intention to labor in their behalf once or twice per month, until my engagements in Selma were completed, their zeal is aroused, and they are resolved to push forward in the work.

I would here state, that our people in Montevallo are, generally, limited in their means, and unless they obtain foreign aid they will not be able to erect their Chapel, which they fondly desire. The building will cost about \$800. One half of this they are willing to give now by contribution, and a fair to be held by the ladies. The balance they hope to make up by contributions from our more favored brethren in several Dioceses. Unless they obtain this aid they must abandon the work, and I fear they would be sadly disheartened, as they are determined to ask no aid outside of the Church. Other denominations are fast gaining ground in this section. They are determined to have a Church, and they fondly look for your aid in this laudable enterprise.

They only want a visit from you now to fix matters upon a permanent basis, and so soon as you can find it agreeable or convenient, I would ask this visit, which they most ardently desire. They will then be prepared to organize a Parish—already we call it “St. Philip’s.”

In Montevallo, I have everything to encourage me, and I look with pleasure on the prospects and prosperity of the Church in such an interesting section. I am anxiously awaiting the fulfillment of my engagements in Selma, when I can take up my residence in Montevallo. Until I can do so, I shall endeavor to give them two Sundays every month.

W. FAYETTE DAVIDSON.

ST. ANDREW’S CHURCH, MACON.—Rev. F. R. HANSON, Rector.

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| Baptisms—White, infants,..... | 2 |
| Colored, infants,..... | 4 |
| Marriages—White, 2, colored, 3,..... | Total, 5 |
| Communicants—White, at the last report, 16, removed, 1,..... | present number, 16 |
| Communion administered,..... | 4 |
| Communion Offerings,..... | \$19 41 |

Time spent in the Parish, in the performance of its regular duties, since last report, twelve months.

Divine service has been performed regularly in the morning of the second and fourth Sunday of the month, during the year, and in the summer, on the first and third in the afternoon. The Parish has contributed to the Episcopal Fund, an amount, the interest of which will more than pay the sum for which it has been annually assessed for the support of the Bishop. Some liberal, but unknown, friend of the Parish has presented it with a handsome Communion Service. The Church has not yet been Consecrated, in consequence of a debt which remains unpaid. I hope, however, that arrangements will be made, in the course of the present year, to discharge the debt, and that at the next visitation of the Bishop, this beautiful and appropriate temple will be solemnly dedicated by him, to the service of God.

TRINITY CHURCH, DEMOPOLIS.—Rev. F. R. HANSON, Rector.

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| Baptisms—White, infants,..... | 2 |
| Marriages—White, | 1 |
| Deaths—White,..... | 1 |
| Communicants,..... | present number, 12 |
| Sunday Schools—Teachers 2; scholars, white, 25 to 30,..... | Total, 25 |
| Communion administered,..... | 6 |
| Communion Offerings,..... | \$28 80 |

Time spent in the Parish, in the performance of its regular duties, since last report, twelve months.

Divine service has been held in the morning of the first and third Sunday of the month, and in the afternoon of the second and fourth. The attendance has been

generally good, and the prospects of the Parish are encouraging. The Sunday School, under the efficient supervision of a lady of the Parish, is in a flourishing condition, and promises to exert a happy influence over the younger members of the congregation. There is one candidate for Confirmation in the Parish.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, MOBILE.—Rev. J. H. INGRAHAM, Rector.

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| Baptisms—White, adults, 10, infants, 71,..... | Total, 81 |
| Colored—Infants,..... | 7 |
| Confirmations—White,..... | (after the Convention,) *29 |
| Marriages—White, 15, colored, 2,..... | Total, 17 |
| Deaths—White,..... | 31 |
| Communicants—White, at the last report, 155, died, 4, removed, 16, | |
| ..... | present number, 120 |
| Sunday Schools—Teachers 21; scholars, white, 160,..... | Total, 160 |
| Library Books,..... | 850 |
| Communion administered, (in private 1,)..... | 12 |
| Communion Offerings,..... | \$179 72 |
| Collections—Foreign Missions,..... | 555 00 |
| For Church purposes generally,..... | 950 00 |

Time spent in the Parish, in the performance of its regular duties, since last report, two months.

*On account of the Rector's absence at the time of the Bishop's Visitation, in February, no class was presented. Confirmations, Sunday following Convention, belonging to the present year properly, are twenty-nine as above.

CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY, HUNTSVILLE.—Rev. H. C. LAY, Rector.

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| Baptisms—White, infants,..... | 4 |
| Colored, adult, 1, infant, 1,..... | Total, 2 |
| Marriages—White, 1, colored, 1,..... | " 2 |
| Deaths—Colored,..... | 1 |
| Communicants—White, removed, 8, dropped from the list, 1,.... | present number, 47 |
| Colored,.... | 1 |
| Collections—Communion Offerings,..... | \$180 00 |
| Domestic Missions,..... | 58 00 |
| Foreign Missions,..... | 40 00 |
| Missions in North Alabama,..... | 200 00 |
| Sent to Norfolk and Portsmouth, for sufferers by Yellow Fever, | 50 00 |
| Widows and Orphans' Society,..... | 30 25 |
| Thank Offerings,..... | 10 00 |
| For benevolent objects, not of a public character,..... | 350 00 |

A Parish School for girls is in efficient operation. The preliminary steps have been taken for the erection of a new and commodious Church.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, CARLOWVILLE.—Rev. F. B. LEE, Rector.

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| Baptisms—White, infants,..... | 1 |
| Colored, adults, 1, infants, 5,..... | Total, 6 |
| Communicants—White, at the last report, 44, removed, 1,..... | present number, 44 |
| Colored, at the last report, 5,..... | " 5 |
| Sunday Schools—Teachers 6; scholars, white, 20, colored, 17,..... | Total, 37 |
| Library Books,..... | 150 |
| Communion administered,..... | 10 |
| Communion Offerings, (appropriated to Sunday School Library Books,)..... | \$21 25 |
| Collections—Domestic Missions,..... | 7 20 |

Time spent in the Parish, in the performance of its regular duties, since last report, twelve months, minus seven weeks.

My report embraces the statistics of both Parishes. Since the commencement of the year, the Communion has been administered at County Line, there being a sufficient number of Communicants there to render this arrangement desirable. The

half of one Sunday in the month at each place, is devoted to the instruction of the colored people. The attendance on these occasions has been good—they appear to be interested, and it is hoped that they are profited.

A Wednesday's service has been held in my home Parish since Easter, and the attendance encourages the hope that it will be sustained. On this day a Bible Class of young ladies is examined upon a portion of the Scripture contained in the service for the following Sunday.

CHRIST CHURCH, MOBILE.—Rev. B. B. LEACOCK, Rector.

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| Baptisms—White, adults, 4, infants, 37,..... | Total, 41 |
| Confirmations—White,..... | 10 |
| Marriages—White,..... | 11 |
| Deaths—White,..... | 20 |
| Communicants—White, at the last report, 198, died, 4; removed, 14,..... | present number, 205 |
| Sunday Schools—Teachers 20; scholars, white, 123, colored, 24,..... | Total, 147 |
| Library Books,..... | 300 |
| Communion administered,..... | 14 |
| Communion Offerings,..... | \$491 73 |
| Collections—Diocesan Missions,..... | 197 60 |
| Domestic "..... | 169 45 |
| Foreign "..... | 205 15 |
| Church of the Good Shepherd,..... | *1,110 95 |
| For Church purposes generally,..... | 179 20 |

Time spent in the Parish, in the performance of its regular duties, since last report, eleven and a half months.

* This amount has been raised, as follows: Subscriptions, 360 95; Ladies Society, 250 00; Ladies Society, for a Rectory, 500 00. Total, \$1,110 95.

TRINITY CHURCH, MOBILE.—Rev. J. A. MASSEY, Rector.

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| Baptisms—White, adults, 8, infants, 24,..... | Total, 32 |
| Colored, infants,..... | 2 |
| Confirmations—White,..... | 7 |
| Marriages—White, 10, colored, 2,..... | Total, 12 |
| Deaths—White, 26, colored, 2,..... | " 28 |
| Communicants—White, at the last report, 187, died, 3, removed, 8,..... | present number, about, 190 |
| Sunday Schools—Teachers 11; scholars, white, 90,..... | Total, 90 |
| Communion administered,..... | 6 |
| Communion Offerings,..... | \$106 30 |
| Collections—Foreign Missions,..... | 20 10 |

Time spent in the Parish, in the performance of its regular duties, since last report, eight and a half months.

The Rector cannot report with absolute definiteness the present number of Communicants, owing to changes in the Parish, caused by abandoning the Free Pew system, all of which are not yet certainly known by the Rector.

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH, MARENGO CO.—Rev. ANASTASIUS MENAOS, Rector.

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| Confirmations—White,..... | 2 |
| Deaths—White,..... | 6 |
| Communicants—White,..... | present number, 21 |
| Colored,..... | " " 4 |

Time spent in the Parish, in the performance of its regular duties, about seven weeks.

The Rector took charge of this Parish on the last Sunday in Lent. Divine service has been celebrated twice every Sunday—in the morning to the white congregation, in the evening to the servants. The Rector has been highly pleased and encouraged by the regular, full and reverential attendance on the services of the Church. Di-

his service is celebrated at Dayton one Sunday a month. Dayton presents a very interesting field, and it is to be regretted that they cannot have oftener the services of the Church. The Rector would gratefully acknowledge the many acts of personal good will and kindness which he has experienced from the people of his charge. More than one-fourth of his salary has been paid to him in advance.

NORTH ALABAMA MISSION.—Rev. T. A. MORRIS, Missionary.

Officiated, 41 times.
 Baptisms—White, adults, 2, infants, 11, Total, 13
 Colored, infants, 2
 Marriages—White, 1
 Communion administered, 4
 Candidates for Confirmation, 8
 Communicants, present number, 19

The Missionary begs leave to report, that during the greater part of the year he has been unable to perform the public services of the Church. The above services have been performed in the past four months.

CHRIST CHURCH, TUSKALOOSA.—Rev. R. D. NEVINS, Rector.

Baptisms—White, adults, 2, infants, 7, Total, 9
 Colored, infants, 8
 Confirmations—White, 7
 Marriages—White, 1, colored, 2, Total, 3
 Deaths—White, 2
 Communicants—White, at the last report, 54, removed, 6, present number, 57
 Colored, at the last report, 10, removed, 2, " " 8
 Sunday Schools—Teachers 7; scholars, white, 40, colored, 20, Total, 60
 Communion administered, 13
 Communion Offerings, \$60 00
 Collections—Domestic Missions, \$28 25
 Foreign Missions, 80 00

Time spent in the Parish, in the performance of its regular duties, since last report, twelve months.

REPORT OF REV. J. J. NICHOLSON.

Rt. Rev. and Dear Sir: In accordance with canonical requisition, I herewith respectfully submit a report of my Ministerial services in this Diocese, since about the 1st of September last.

Having arrived in Mobile early in August, in broken health, from the Diocese of Texas, and being in correspondence with Mrs. A. C. Lyon, then Principal of the Hannah More Academy, Maryland, who desired me to unite with her in the establishment of an Episcopal Female Seminary, at some desirable point South; and upon making suitable inquiries as to a position for such an enterprise, I at once advised Mrs. Lyon accordingly, and we took prompt measures to locate in this city.

Unfortunately the yellow fever broke out in a few weeks and desolated our prospects with respect to the building up of a regular Seminary, for the education of boarding pupils. The panic thereby created, prejudiced the public mind to such a degree that although we did not open our school until the 5th of November, only four pupils ventured in from abroad, and they only to remain until the 1st of May, being fearful of remaining any later in the season. Amidst these untoward circumstances, which neither you, nor any one else could foresee, we are thankful to say that our School received a very good patronage in day pupils; but our expenses have been very heavy, and the receipts totally inadequate to meet them and supply us with the necessities of life. Under these circumstances, bearing the whole pecuniary responsibility of the effort ourselves, having effected a considerable loss, and finding that even of the day scholars, a large number drop off 1st May, they not

being in the habit of attending school here during the summer months, and that the boarders will not remain beyond 1st May, we have determined to wind up our school enterprise at that time. We believe that should Montgomery enjoy good health for the next year or two, after the panic created by the epidemic of the last and previous autumn shall have worn off, our work would succeed beyond doubt. But our individual resources would not enable us to sustain ourselves through the issue.

I have preached and otherwise officiated frequently in St. John's Church, Montgomery, when disengaged from the Missionary stations which I have been visiting.

As a Missionary under the appointment of the Bishop, I have officiated at Mt. Meigs, in a Union Meeting-house; Wetumpka, in the house of worship of the Presbyterians, kindly granted to me by them for that purpose, as well as their congregation as worshipers and hearers; and Lowndesboro', in the house of worship of the Protestant Methodists, once a month, regularly, except on one or two occasions when the state of the weather rendered it totally useless to visit them. At Lowndesboro' I organized a Parish under very encouraging circumstances. It being distant twenty-two miles from Montgomery, and finding that the school enterprise, on which I relied for a support, would not pay expenses and sustain my family, on the election of Rev. Mr. Perdue, to St. Peter's, Lowndes county, I advised the Vestry of St. Paul's Church, Lowndesboro', which I had just organized, to make an effort to secure his joint services, in which effort I am happy to say they succeeded. I deemed it best to perform this arrangement foreseeing that we should be compelled to relinquish the school enterprise, unless the friends of the cause and Church would rally up and sustain it by their means, till it could sustain itself. This latter parish is about to build a neat and handsome village Church. And I trust and pray that God's blessing may rest upon the work.

I have not been able to succeed in accomplishing anything of consequence at either of the other points. Mt. Meigs is in fact an outpost of the Church in this place. Wetumpka is an old Missionary station. But there are few, if any, members of the Church there, and the people are well established in their religious sentiments—being exclusively either Methodists, Presbyterians, or Baptists.

The following is a statement of my services:

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| Sermons preached in all, about (including about three weeks spent in Mobile), | 30 |
| Read Prayers, | about 45 |
| Baptisms—Infants, | 2 |
| Communion administered, | 1 |

At Lowndesboro' there are 10 or 12 Communicants.

It is no easy matter to celebrate the Communion in the houses of worship of others, and that where there are few or no Church people.

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| Money Received—For my services, from Missionary Fund, | \$100 00 |
| From Lowndesboro', (a lady), | 30 00—\$130 00 |
| Paid in traveling, &c., to Wetumpka, | 18 75 |

Total amount received for services, \$111 25

If the above report be a meagre one, I have only to say that none knows better than the Bishop, the opportunity I have had for carrying out the Church.

All of which is respectfully submitted. JOS. J. NICHOLSON.

MONTGOMERY, May 1st, 1856.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, LOWNDESBORO'.—Rev. W. J. PERDUE, Minister.

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| Baptisms—Infants, | 2 |
| Communicants, | 13 |
| Communion administered, | 1 |

This Parish was organized on the 23d of February last, by Rev. Mr. Nicholson, and will apply for admission to the Convention at its present session.

A Building Committee has been appointed, and they have already commenced the erection of a very appropriate village Church. It will cost about \$4,000, and, it is expected will be ready for consecration in October next.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, LOWNDES COUNTY.—Rev. W. J. PARDUE, Minister.

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| Marriages, | 1 |
| Communicants, | 11 |
| Communion administered, | 1 |

I did not enter upon my duties in this Parish until the 2d Sunday in February last. Divine service is held at the Parish Church on two Sundays in the month; at Benton, four miles distant, on one Sunday, and at Lowndesboro', twelve miles distant, on the remaining Sunday in the month.

REV. JNO. M. ROBERTSON'S REPORT.

Since last Convention he has been regularly engaged in Missionary work: His labors are at three different points: At St. Mark's Chapel, Limestone county, he has held Divine service and preached once, and sometimes twice, every second Sunday in the month.

And every third Sunday, the service and sermon has been performed at St. John's Chapel, Madison county, in the morning, and in the afternoon at a place called "Clutt's Store," about three miles distant. All these services are generally well attended, and give promise of some good being done.

The little building of St. John's, in the vicinity of Dr. Seay's, is not yet finished, from the want of means. It needs sash and glazing, lathing and plastering before it can be comfortable. A kind and zealous lady of the Church, in Huntsville, has given a stove, for which we feel much indebted. The building, though in its present unfinished condition, owes a small debt to Dr. Seay, who superintended its erection, and which debt the congregation feel unable to pay at present, their means being narrow.

To the liberality of the Church at large, this little building for the worship of God has been mostly indebted, and for which the congregation feel grateful, and live in hopes that after a while they may be able to do something to repay the debt.

The cost of it, in its present state, has been \$300, no great sum, it is true, but a good deal when we reflect that the call for help came from a quarter entirely unknown to the Church in general. Mrs. Seay and Mrs. Wilson, two ladies in the immediate neighborhood of St. John's and Clutt's, have been the instruments, under the great Head of the Church, for the good already gained, without whose exertions your Missionary's labors would have been of but little avail.

ST. JOHN'S CHAPEL.

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| Baptisms—White, adults, 5, infants, 3, | Total, 8 |
| Colored—Infants, | 2 |
| Communicants—White, | 6 |
| Communion administered, | 4 |
| Sunday Schools—Teachers 5; scholars, white, 15, colored, 6, | Total, 21 |
| Communion Offerings, | \$5 80 |

ST. MARK'S CHAPEL.

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| Baptisms—White, adults, | 1 |
| Marriages—White, 1, colored, 1, | Total, 2 |
| Communicants—White, | present number, 7 |
| Communion administered, | 3 |

N. B.—The report of St. John's includes the Missionary's services both there and at Clutt's Station.

ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH, EUTAW.—Rev. STEPHEN U. SMITH, Rector.

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| Baptisms—White, infants,..... | 1 |
| Communicants,..... | 31 |
| Sunday School Library,..... | Volumes, 125 |
| Parish Library,..... | Volumes, between 30 and 40 |
| Communion Offerings,..... | \$42 35 |

Of which \$15 20 are applied to Foreign and Domestic Missions, and \$5 appropriated as the Christmas Offering for the Bishop's Fund.

Services were held, morning and afternoon, every other Sunday until the first Sunday in Lent, since which time, by the assistance of a lay reader, who is a Candidate for Orders, services have been held every Sunday.

ST. MARK'S CHURCH, IN THE FORK, GREENE CO.—Rev. S. U. SMITH, Rector.

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| Baptisms—Colored, infants,..... | 11 |
| Confirmations—White,..... | 1 |
| Deaths—White, 1, colored, 2,..... | Total, 3 |
| Deaths—Colored, adult,..... | 1 |
| Communicants—Removed, 1, added, 1,..... | present number, 10 |
| Communion administered,..... | 7 |
| Communion Offerings,..... | \$21 40 |

Of which \$5 25 are applied to Foreign and Domestic Missions, and \$7 50 appropriated as the Christmas Offering for the Bishop's Fund.

Services twice every month.

ST. WILFRID'S CHURCH, MARION.—Rev. W. A. STICKNEY, Rector.

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| Baptisms—White, adults, 1, infants, 4,..... | Total, 5 |
| Colored, infants,..... | 6 |
| Confirmations—White,..... | 1 |
| Deaths—White, 1, colored, 2,..... | Total, 9 |
| Communicants—White, at the last report, 44, removed, 3, expelled, 1, | present number, 45 |
| Colored, at the last report, 4, died, 1, removed, 1, “ “ | 2 |
| Sunday Schools—Teachers 5; scholars, white, 54, colored, 31,..... | Total, 85 |
| Communion administered,..... | 27 |
| Collections—Domestic Missions,..... | \$12 55 |
| Foreign “ “ “ “ “ “ | 7 50 |
| Christmas Offerings to Bishop's Fund,..... | 3 70 |
| Other purposes,..... | 51 13 |

Time spent in the Parish, in the performance of its regular duties, since last report, twelve months.

Confirmation has not been administered in the Parish since last report.

Teaching the colored people on Sunday afternoons was lately undertaken by the zeal of female communicants. More services and communions have been celebrated in the Parish this year than any preceding one. All Festival and Fast days designated in the Prayer Book, as also Litany, have been marked by services, except such as occurred during the summer months of school vacation, when only morning and evening services of Sunday were observed. The annual Thanksgiving day did not receive the attention directed, in the expectation that a day later would be appointed by the civil authority. During the Sunday afternoons of Lent there was preaching, instead of the usual explanatory lectures.

Arrangements were made, with the help of two assistant teachers, to receive into the school connected with the Parish, forty boys, as the limit of the present term. Forty-four have been admitted—included in the above report under Sunday Schools, from the fact that Christian instruction, through the distinctiveness which it receives from the Church, is at all times inculcated in this school, and more thoroughly than would be possible in Sunday Schools. Every Friday afternoon is devoted exclusively to the same instruction. Saints' days are similarly occupied, with instruction and stories adapted to the illustration of their Holy lives.

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, JACKSONVILLE.—Rev. L. R. STAUDENMAYER, Rector.

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| Baptisms—White, infants,..... | 6 |
| Marriages—White, | 1 |
| Deaths—White, | 2 |
| Communicants—Added, 3, removed, 1,..... | present number, 23 |
| Sunday Schools—Teachers 3; scholars, white, 19, colored, 15,..... | Total, 34 |
| Paid to Bishop's Assessment,..... | \$25 00 |
| " Contingent " | (Permanent Fund, which see.) |
| " Domestic Missions,..... | 6 45 |
| " Foreign " | 6 45 |
| Communion Offerings, &c..... | \$18 54 |

Time spent in the Parish, in the performance of its regular duties, since last report, about ten months.

Our new Church edifice will be ready for consecration by the latter end of May, or beginning of June. A zealous lady of the Parish has presented our Church a beautiful Harmonium a Percussion, of exquisite workmanship, with twelve stops, manufactured by Messrs. Alexandre & Son, Paris.

I much regret my not being able to enjoy the, for sometime longed-for, privilege of attending the Convention.

REPORT OF REV. GEO. W. STICKNEY.

Rt. Rev. Father in God: In accordance with canonical requisition, I herewith respectfully submit my report.

Having been admitted to the Holy Order of Deacons on the thirteenth day of May last, I entered upon the duties of your appointment as Missionary, and also as Minister in charge of the Church of the Good Shepherd, Mobile, on the 1st day of July, during which time, until the date of my resignation, March 1st, 1856, I was permitted to realize some fruits springing from my labors. I was successful in obtaining an eligible lot, upon which has been erected a neat and commodious Church edifice, appropriated to the use and worship of colored persons, among which class a deep interest was manifested in respect and attachment for the services of the Church, and a number of whom availed themselves of her privileges.

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| Baptisms—Colored, Adults, 12, infants, 8,..... | Total, 20 |
| Confirmations—Colored,..... | 14 |
| Marriages—Colored, | 2 |
| Deaths—White, 5, colored, 6,..... | Total, 11 |
| Communicants—Colored, at the last report, 8, died, 2, removed, 1, | present number, 20 |
| Sunday Schools—Teachers 4; scholars, colored, 25,..... | Total, 25 |
| Communion administered,..... | 5 |
| Collections—For Church purposes generally,..... | \$109 95 |

Time spent in the Parish in the performance of its regular duties, eight months.

In connection with the above, I have discharged my duties as Assistant to the Rector of Christ Church, Mobile, for the same period of time; and was happy of the opportunity, on several occasions, of aiding my brethren in their Parochial duties.

With your approval, my field of labor, for the past two months, has been changed to Auburn, Macon county, and adjoining stations. Services have been held at Trinity Church, Auburn, and at St. John's Church in the Wilderness on alternate Sundays. Also twice a month at Crawford, Russel county, on week days, where we have four Communicants. One service has been held at West Point, Georgia, the first for several years past. Of the Church at Auburn, I may add, that it has been erected for several years, but remains in an unfinished state. Shortly after its erection it sustained a heavy loss in the removal and death of several of its ablest and best members; which has reduced its present number to *three* only, who are unable to proceed with the work. It occupies a prominent position in the town, and with an outlay of about three hundred dollars can be made a prominent ornament, and completed. It is also located in a place resorted to by many during the summer

months, and hence appeals to the pride and interest of Churchmen to stay its decay and make it comfortable and inviting. The *first* to aid in this work has been a generous church-lady of Columbia, who has donated the sum of ten dollars.

Communicants—White, Present number, 7
Time spent in the Parish in the performance of its regular duties, two months.

Faithfully and respectfully, your son in Christ,

GEO. W. STICKNEY.

Rt. Rev. N. H. COBBS, D. D.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH IN THE WILDERNESS.—Rev. G. W. STICKNEY, Rector.

Baptisms—Colored, infants, 8

Communicants—White, present number, 1

Colored, " " 12

Collections—Episcopal Fund, \$100 00

Time spent in the Parish, in the performance of its regular duties, two months.

The white population in this neighborhood is small and scattered. The Rector finds, however, an interesting field of labor amid the servants of a plantation, where his services have been procured, in addition; and for whose benefit, through the interest of a mistress sensible of her responsibility, a Chapel has been erected, who also combines her personal attention in their catechetical training.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Bishop's Address and Parochial Reports be referred to the Committee on the State of the Church, with instructions to specify what items should be included under the head of Church purposes generally.

The Treasurer presented his annual Accounts, which, on motion, were referred to the Committee on Finance.

BISHOP'S FUND, *in account with* H. A. TAYLOR, *Treasurer.*

| | Dr. | Cr. |
|---------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| 1855.—May 12.—To cash paid Rt. Rev. N. H. Cobbs,..... | \$2,201 20 | |
| " " " Trustees of Bishop's Fund,... | 124 75 | |
| By cash received at Convention,..... | | \$2,285 10 |
| By Communicant Contributions: | | |
| St. Paul's Church, Carlisle,... | 10 00 | |
| St. David's Church, Dallas county,... | 12 00 | |
| St. Andrew's Church, Macon,..... | 6 00 | |
| St. Stephen's Church, Eutaw,..... | 10 00 | |
| St. Mark's Church, Greene county,... | 10 00 | 48 00 |
| 1856.—April 28.—To cash paid Rt. Rev. N. H. Cobbs,..... | 8 00 | |
| May, " Balance,..... | | 85 |
| | <u>\$2,333 95</u> | <u>\$2,333 95</u> |

Rt. Rev. N. H. COBBS, D. D.,

In account with the DIOCESE OF ALABAMA.

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| 1855.—May 10.—To Balance,..... | \$ 40 80 | |
| 12.—" Cash,..... | 2,201 20 | |
| By Salary,..... | | \$2,250 00 |
| 1856.—April 28.—To cash,..... | 8 00 | |
| | <u>\$2,250 00</u> | <u>\$2,250 00</u> |

CONTINGENT FUND, in account with H. A. TAYLOR, Treasurer.

| | | Dr. | Cr. |
|----------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| 1855—May | To Balance,..... | \$ 38 27 | |
| " 12— | By cash received at Convention,..... | | \$149 62 |
| " | " Trinity Church, Florence—assessment of 1853 and 1854,..... | | 2 50 |
| " | " St. Michael's Church, Marengo, due '54. | | 50 |
| July 24— | " Trinity Church, Mobile,..... | | 12 00 |
| " | " St. John's Church, Mobile,..... | | 6 00 |
| | To cash paid Messrs. Farrow, Stokes & Dennett, for printing Journals,..... | 120 00 | |
| May— | To postage,..... | 46 | |
| | By Balance,..... | 11 89 | |
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| | | \$170 62 | \$170 62 |

The Trustees of the Bishop's Fund made the following report :

The Trustees of the Episcopal Fund beg leave to report, that the Permanent Fund has been increased by the usual addition of annual interest, and by Christmas Offerings received from a few of the Parishes, and now amounts to \$2,628 64.

The Special Fund has been increased only one hundred dollars, being the contribution of Mrs. Turner, of St. John's in the Wilderness, received from Mr. H. A. Taylor, the former agent for the Fund, and now amounts to \$11,179 75.

It will be observed, from the report of the Rev. H. C. Lay to the Convention, that through his exertions, the Fund of every description, Permanent and Special, will amount nearly to \$26,000 00.

A. W. ELLERBE, }
H. L. ALISON, } Trustees.
W. F. PIERCE, }

Rev. H. C. LAY, Agent of the Diocese for soliciting subscriptions to the Bishop's Fund, made the following report :

REPORT OF THE AGENT OF THE EPISCOPAL FUND.

The Agent of the Episcopal Fund begs leave respectfully to report, that since the last Convention he has visited most of the Parishes, soliciting contributions for the endowment of the Episcopate.

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| The amount collected, is..... | \$11,987 70 | |
| Profits by purchase and sale of Exchange,..... | 94 35— | \$12,082 05 |
| Deduct necessary expenses of collection,..... | | 200 00 |
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| | | \$11,882 05 |

This amount has been duly paid over to the Trustees of the Bishop's Fund, viz:

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| In Notes of contributors,..... | \$7,830 00 |
| In Cash,..... | 4,052 05— |
| | \$11,882 05 |

Appended to this report is a list of the contributors, according to the Parishes to which they severally belong. It is requested that this acknowledgment may be spread upon the pages of the Journal.

The Agent of the Episcopal Fund knows not in what terms to acknowledge the help and counsel, the kindness and consideration which he has everywhere received from his brethren of the Clergy and the Laity. The friendships formed and strengthened, in the performance of the task assigned him, are an ample compensation for its cares and toils.

In conclusion, he asks that the Convention will discharge him from any further duty, as Agent of the Episcopal Fund.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

HENRY C. LAY.

MOBILE, May 1st, 1856.

Christ Church, Mobile—

| | |
|---------------------|----------|
| H. A. Schroeder, | \$200 00 |
| Arad Gracie, | 100 00 |
| H. A. Lowe, | 100 00 |
| W. Moreton Dyer, | 100 00 |
| John Gibson, | 100 00 |
| C. D. Dickey, | 100 00 |
| R. L. Fearn, | 100 00 |
| A. R. Manning, | 100 00 |
| J. E. Dumont, | 100 00 |
| J. Emanuel, | 100 00 |
| Wm. Alderson, | 100 00 |
| Cash, | 100 00 |
| M. F. Smith, | 100 00 |
| G. A. Tuthill, | 100 00 |
| R. H. Smith, | 75 00 |
| Sidney Smith, | 50 00 |
| R. W. Smith, | 50 00 |
| N. Harleston Broun, | 50 00 |
| J. Bragg, | 50 00 |
| Wm. H. Ross, | 50 00 |
| A. Batre, | 50 00 |
| F. B. Clark, | 50 00 |
| W. H. Ketchum, | 50 00 |
| Z. C. Deas, | 50 00 |
| D. B. Walkington, | 50 00 |
| C. Auzs, | 50 00 |
| C. W. Gazzam, | 50 00 |
| T. F. Stickney, | 50 00 |
| Chas. Broun, | 30 00 |
| A. Brooks, | 25 00 |
| Chas. Walsh, | 25 00 |
| R. B. Armistead, | 25 00 |
| Wm. Lee & Co., | 25 00 |
| John Scott, | 25 00 |
| C. A. Marston, | 20 00 |
| H. Hall, | 10 00 |
| C. H. Schroeder, | 10 00 |
| Cash, | 5 00 |

\$2,425 00

St. John's Church, Montgomery—

| | |
|----------------------|----------|
| William Marks, | \$200 00 |
| S. E. Jones, | 100 00 |
| J. C. B. Mitchell, | 100 00 |
| P. T. Sayre, | 100 00 |
| J. S. Winter, | 100 00 |
| Wm. Knox, | 50 00 |
| Col. Bugbee, | 50 00 |
| J. Lucas, | 50 00 |
| Mrs. Mary A. Taylor, | 50 00 |
| Mrs. G. W. Taylor, | 50 00 |
| C. Pomroy, | 40 00 |
| A. P. Pfister, | 30 00 |
| J. Caldwell, | 50 00 |
| Mrs. S. A. Elmore, | 25 00 |
| Rev. J. M. Mitchell, | 25 00 |
| J. Morris, | 25 00 |
| Mrs. Barker, | 4 70 |

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| Mrs. Glasscock, | 5 00 |
| R. T. Thom, | 5 00 |
| A. R. Bell, | 25 00 |
| Joel White, | 25 00 |
| Dr. Henry, | 25 00 |

\$1,235 70

St. Paul's Church, Greensboro'—

| | |
|------------------------|----------|
| Rev. J. M. Bonister, | \$100 00 |
| Mrs. R. W. Withers, | 50 00 |
| Syd. Moore, | 100 00 |
| Isaac Croom, | 100 00 |
| J. B. Stickney, | 125 00 |
| A. Benners, | 200 00 |
| A. Stollenwerck, | 100 00 |
| J. C. Osborne, | 50 00 |
| Mrs. Sarah A. Pasteur, | 50 00 |
| C. L. Stickney, | 80 00 |
| Mrs. Sarah G. Sawyer, | 50 00 |
| Mrs. Mary G. Pickens, | 200 00 |
| R. B. Waller, | 200 00 |
| Mrs. Ann T. Randolph, | 100 00 |
| Miss Jane Randolph, | 50 00 |
| Mrs. Ann Avery, | 50 00 |
| Robert Terrel, | 10 00 |

\$1,615 00

Lowndesboro'—

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|-----------------------|----------|
| Rev. J. J. Nicholson, | \$ 20 00 |
| Mrs. Dorian Hall, | 100 00 |

\$120 00

Church of the Nativity, Huntsville—

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| Mrs. Mary P. Rice, | \$100 00 |
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\$100 00

St. Paul's Church, Selma—

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| R. N. Philpot, | \$ 25 00 |
| Mrs. Mary P. Purnell, | 50 00 |
| C. D. Parke, | 50 00 |
| Mrs. and Miss Jones, | 50 00 |
| W. H. Eagar, | 50 00 |
| J. W. Alston, | 25 00 |
| A. W. Spaight, | 50 00 |
| B. B. Hotchkiss, | 25 00 |
| Mrs. A. Barnum, | 50 00 |
| J. S. Jeffries, | 25 00 |
| Mrs. Haden, | 50 00 |
| Miss Tarver, | 50 00 |
| S. R. Blake, | 50 00 |
| Dr. Jas. Gee, | 20 00 |
| S. C. Tanner, | 5 00 |
| Mrs. Shelley, | 8 00 |
| Cash, | 2 00 |
| Mrs. R. J. Smith, | 100 00 |

\$685 00

St. Mark's Church, Greene County—

| | |
|---------------------------|----------|
| J. J. Thornton,..... | \$ 50 00 |
| J. McR. Gould,..... | 20 00 |
| Philip L. Lightfoot,..... | 100 00 |
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| | \$170 00 |

St. David's Church, Dallas County—

| | |
|-------------------------|----------|
| Mrs. E. H. Pegues,..... | \$100 00 |
| Mrs. H. E. Pegues,..... | 50 00 |
| A. W. Ellerba,..... | 200 00 |
| The Mimes Pegues,..... | 50 00 |
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| | \$400 00 |

Ozark—

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|---------------------|----------|
| F. R. Beck,..... | \$150 00 |
| T. R. Beck,..... | 150 00 |
| J. F. Dortch,..... | 100 00 |
| B. G. Cochran,..... | 50 00 |
| H. E. Curtis,..... | 50 00 |
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| | \$500 00 |

St. Wilfrid's Church, Marion—

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|------------------------------|----------|
| L. H. Seawell,..... | \$150 00 |
| E. L. Stickney,..... | 100 00 |
| Miss Anna M. Norwood,..... | 50 00 |
| L. N. Walthall,..... | 100 00 |
| J. D. Phelan,..... | 100 00 |
| Mrs. Mary E. Thompson,..... | 50 00 |
| Mrs. Caroline Nicholls,..... | 100 00 |
| Wm. M. Brooks,..... | 50 00 |
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| | \$700 00 |

St. James' Church, Livingston—

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| *L. H. Anderson,..... | \$ 50 00 |
| *T. Reavis,..... | 250 00 |
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| | \$300 00 |

*Should a Parish be established in Gainesville, these contributors retain the privilege of transferring the above to such new Parish.

St. Michael's Church, Marengo Co—

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| G. W. H. Minge,..... | \$125 00 |
| Thos. A. Harrison,..... | 200 00 |
| W. Walter Horton,..... | 100 00 |
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| | \$425 00 |

Church of the Holy Cross, Uniontown—

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|--------------------------------|----------|
| Joseph Selden,..... | \$125 00 |
| Thomas Walthall,..... | 125 00 |
| Wm. A. Tayloe,..... | 125 00 |
| Jas. L. Price,..... | 125 00 |
| D. W. Pitts,..... | 100 00 |
| Mrs. Semple and Mr. Shield,... | 100 00 |
| R. H. Adams,..... | 75 00 |
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| | \$775 00 |

Christ Church, Tuscaloosa—

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|----------------------------|----------|
| Mrs. Louisa Cochrane,..... | \$200 00 |
| A. S. Nicholson,..... | 100 00 |
| Wm. T. King,..... | 50 00 |
| Dr. Marrast,..... | 100 00 |
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| | \$450 00 |

St. Andrew's Church, Macon—

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| Cash,..... | \$100 00 |
| John Wm. Tayloe,..... | 100 00 |
| Mrs. McCrae,..... | 100 00 |
| Mrs. Dugger,..... | 100 00 |
| Mrs. Gracey,..... | 50 00 |
| G. P. Tayloe,..... | 100 00 |
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| | \$550 00 |

Trinity Church, Demopolis—

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| F. S. Lyon,..... | \$100 00 |
| H. W. Reese,..... | 100 00 |
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| | \$200 00 |

St. James' Church, Eufaula—

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| J. Cochrane,..... | \$100 00 |
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Trinity Church, Florence—

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| J. T. Hargraves,..... | \$25 00 |
| S. D. Weakley,..... | 50 00 |
| Mrs. Sarah M. Polk,..... | 50 00 |
| R. L. Bliss,..... | 25 00 |
| Thos. Simpson,..... | 25 00 |
| J. M. Hood,..... | 25 00 |
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| | \$200 00 |

St. Peter's Church, Lowndes County—

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| John P. Broun,..... | \$50 00 |
| John Adams,..... | 25 00 |
| Paul Lee,..... | 40 00 |
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| | \$115 00 |

St. Luke's Church, Cahaba—

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| G. W. Gayle,..... | \$50 00 |
| J. L. and Anna Evans,..... | 50 00 |
| Thomas Hunter,..... | 15 00 |
| J. B. Duke,..... | 25 00 |
| N. H. Dawson,..... | 50 00 |
| E. G. Ulmer,..... | 50 00 |
| Mrs. Mary M. English,..... | 25 00 |
| M. Troy,..... | 30 00 |
| D. S. Troy,..... | 50 00 |
| Miss Mary Troy,..... | 25 00 |
| E. M. Perine,..... | 50 00 |
| T. M. Matthews,..... | 50 00 |
| Mrs. Virginia Matthews,..... | 30 00 |
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| | \$600 00 |

St. John's Church, Mobile—

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| W. P. Hammond,..... | \$200 00 |
| Contributed by John Johnson, for the benefit of said St. John's Church,..... | 200 00 |
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| | \$400 00 |

Miscellaneous—

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| A friend, through Rev. J. M. Mitchell, | \$20 00 |
| Cash, through Rev. J. A. Massey, | 2 00 |
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| | \$22 00 |

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| Grand Total, | \$11,987 70 |
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1. *Resolved*, That the Trustees of the Episcopal Fund be instructed to appoint one of their number Treasurer, who shall, under their direction, perform all administrative duties connected with said Fund.

2. *Resolved*, That the interest on Notes contributed to the Fund, shall be paid to the Treasurer, and his Certificate of the amount standing to the credit of each Parish shall be received by the Treasurer of the Convention in liquidation of its yearly assessment.

3. *Resolved*, That the said Trustees be instructed to collect and consolidate the Notes given by contributors as fast as they fall due, and to invest the money in such securities as they may deem safe, having regard also to permanence of investment.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the report of the Trustees of the Bishop's Fund and Agent be laid upon the table, and made the special order to-morrow morning, at half-past 9 o'clock.

On motion, *Resolved*, That a Committee of two be appointed by the Chair, to examine the Journals of the last General Convention, and report whether there be anything there recorded requiring action on the part of this Convention.

The Chair appointed Rev. Messrs. MITCHELL and MENZIES said Committee.

On motion, the Convention took a recess for Divine service.

After Divine service the Convention was called to order by the President.

On motion, the Convention adjourned until 9 o'clock, A. M., to-morrow.

TRINITY CHURCH, MOBILE, }
Saturday, May 3d, 9 o'clock, A. M. }

After prayer by the Rt. Rev. N. H. COBBS, D. D., the Convention met pursuant to adjournment. The roll was called.

The minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and approved.

The President retired, having called the Rev. F. R. HANSON to the chair.

The Committee on the Admission of New Parishes, made the following report:

The Committee on the Admission of New Parishes, beg leave to report against the admission of St. Paul's Church, Lowndesboro', and Grace Church, St. Stephens, Washington county, whose applications have been made to the Convention. They report unfavorably to the first application, because the Articles of Association were not in accordance with the Canon laid before the Convention, and against the second, on the ground of informality in the Articles presented.

J. MASSEY, Chairman.

Report received and Committee discharged.

The Committee on Finance made the following report :

The Committee on Finance beg leave to report that they have examined the Treasurer's accounts and find them correct. They recommend the following Assessments upon the various Parishes, together with eight per cent. upon the Assessments to provide for the Contingent Fund.

| | Bishop's Salary. | Contingent Fund. |
|--------------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Christ Church, Mobile,..... | \$500 00 | \$40 00 |
| Christ Church, Tuscaloosa,..... | 200 00 | 16 00 |
| St. John's Church, Montgomery,..... | 250 00 | 20 00 |
| St. Paul's Church, Greensboro',..... | 175 00 | 14 00 |
| Church of the Holy Cross, Uniontown,..... | 80 00 | 6 40 |
| St. Andrew's Church, Macon,..... | 66 00 | 5 28 |
| St. Paul's Church, Selma,..... | 100 00 | 8 00 |
| St. James' Church, Livingston,..... | 60 00 | 4 80 |
| Church of the Nativity, Huntsville,..... | 125 00 | 10 00 |
| St. Paul's Church, Carlowville,..... | 50 00 | 4 00 |
| St. Peter's Church, Lowndes county,..... | 50 00 | 4 00 |
| St. John's Church, Tuscumbia,..... | 25 00 | 2 00 |
| St. Luke's Church, Cahaba,..... | 50 00 | 4 00 |
| St. David's Church, Dallas county,..... | 78 00 | 6 26 |
| Trinity Church, Demopolis,..... | 50 00 | 4 00 |
| St. John's Church, in the Wilderness,..... | 24 00 | 1 92 |
| St. James' Church, Eufaula,..... | 50 00 | 4 00 |
| St. Stephen's Church, Eutaw,..... | 35 00 | 2 80 |
| Trinity Church, Mobile,..... | 150 00 | 12 00 |
| St. Mark's Church, Greene county,..... | 40 00 | 3 20 |
| St. Wilfrid's Church, Marion,..... | 40 00 | 3 20 |
| St. Luke's Church, Jacksonville,..... | 25 00 | 2 00 |
| St. John's Church, Elyton,..... | 10 00 | 80 |
| St. Michael's Church, Marengo county,..... | 45 00 | 3 60 |
| Trinity Church, Florence,..... | 25 00 | 2 00 |
| St. John's Church, Mobile,..... | 75 00 | 6 00 |
| St. Mary's Church, Camden,..... | 50 00 | 4 00 |
| Grace Church, St. Stephens,..... | 20 00 | 1 60 |
| St. Paul's Church, Lowndesboro',..... | 20 00 | 1 60 |
| | <hr/> \$2,468 00 | <hr/> \$197 44 |

The Committee also recommend the following resolution :

Resolved, That the contribution of Mr. R. H. ADAMS to the Episcopal Fund be transferred from Union Parish to St. Michael's Church, Marengo county.

A. W. ELLERBE, Chairman.

On motion, the report with the accompanying resolution was adopted.

The Committee on Unfinished Business made the following report :

The Committee on Unfinished Business respectfully report that they find the following two resolutions on page 33 of last Journal, which were ordered to lie over to this Convention :

Resolved, That Section 2, Canon 1, be amended, by inserting, after the word *appoint*, the following words: "provided that no person belonging to any body of those who profess and call themselves Christians, not in Communion with this Church, shall be entitled to vote in such election."

Resolved, That Section 3, of Canon 1, be amended by inserting, after the word *Scriptures*, the following words: "provided further, that no person belonging to any body of those who profess and call themselves Christians, not in Communion with this Church, shall be qualified to act as Vestrymen."

GEO. W. STICKNEY, Chairman.

Report received.

On motion, *Resolved*, That St. Paul's Church, Lowndesboro', and Grace Church, St. Stephens, Washington county, notwithstanding the informalities, be admitted into union with the Convention.

vested to all the members of the Ecclesiastical Court, requiring them, or any five or more of them, to proceed to the trial of the accused, at the prescribed time and place, which precept, together with another copy of the charges signed by the Church Advocate, shall be transmitted by the Bishop to the President of the Court, whose duty it shall be, upon the receipt of the same, to cause all the members of the Court to be summoned to meet at the prescribed time and place. Any three of them who shall attend, in pursuance of such summons shall constitute the Court. It shall be the duty of the members of the Court to convene immediately after the election, at a time and place to be appointed by the Bishop, and elect from their own body a President and Secretary. It shall be the duty of the Secretary, within five days after such election, and after every change in the office of President, to notify the Bishop of the person chosen President.

The hour having arrived for the special order, the Convention resumed the consideration of the report of the Agent of the Episcopal Fund, and Trustees of the Episcopal Fund.

After some discussion, the resolutions were adopted.

The Convention then resumed the consideration of the report of the Committee on Canons.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the report of the Committee on Canons, and proposed Canons, be unanimously received. Rejected.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the report of the Committee on Canons, and proposed Canons, be printed in the Journal, and lie over until the next Convention.

The Committee to examine the Journals of the last General Convention made the following report :

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All of which is respectfully submitted.

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The report of the Committee of the Diocesan Missionary Society, with the report of its Treasurer, was received and laid upon the table.

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Chairman of the Missionary Committee.

The Credentials of Lay Delegates from Grace Church, were presented and referred to the Committee upon Certificates of Election.

The Committee upon Certificates of Election reported them in proper form.

The names of the Delegates were then called, and C. SMITH appeared and took his seat.

The Committee on Canons recommended the following Canons, as a substitute for Canon XIII. :

CANON XIII.

OF THE MODE OF INSTITUTING PROCEEDINGS AGAINST CLERGYMEN.

Whenever the Bishop shall, either from his own observation, or from any information which he shall deem worthy of notice, have reason to believe that there are grounds for an investigation into the conduct of any Priest or Deacon of this Diocese, he may, in his discretion, convene the Standing Committee, and lay before them the information in his possession. And whenever the Standing Committee, or a majority of them, shall, from any information so laid before them by the Bishop, or from any other information which they, or a majority of them, may think worthy of notice, be of opinion that it is proper that a judicial investigation of the conduct of any Priest or Deacon should take place, they shall present that fact to the Bishop, with such a general statement of the facts of the case as may serve for a groundwork upon which charges may be drawn. It shall be the duty of the Bishop, upon the receipt of such presentment, to cause the charge or charges to be drawn up in such form as will, with reasonable certainty, give to the accused notice of the particular matters charged as offences. The style of the charge or charges shall be, "Articles or charges against ———, exhibited on behalf of the Church of the Diocese of Alabama, by ———, acting as Church Advocate, in consequence of a presentment made to the said Bishop, by the Standing Committee of the said Diocese."

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OF ADVOCATES AND OF PARTIES.

Whenever it shall be determined to bring to trial any Clergyman, the Bishop shall appoint one person as Church Advocate, whose duty it shall be to prepare the charges and conduct the trial on the part of the Church. It shall also be his duty to reduce the charges into form. The Church shall be considered the party on the one side and the accused on the other. The accused shall have a right to call in any person or persons whom he may choose to assist him.

CANON XV.

OF ECCLESIASTICAL COURTS.

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The Bishop, by and with the advice and consent of the majority of the Convention, shall have power to fill all vacancies which may occur by such removals, or by death, resignation, removal from the Diocese, or election into the Episcopate or Standing Committee. Whenever a charge or charges against any Priest or Deacon of this Diocese shall have been reduced to writing by the Church Advocate, agreeably to the provisions of the Canons, it shall be his duty to deliver to the Bishop two copies of the same, signed with his own hand. It shall then be the duty of the Bishop to transmit one of the said copies to the accused, together with notice of the time and place of trial, both of which the Bishop shall prescribe. The charges and notice shall be delivered to the accused, or left at his place of abode, at least thirty days before the time appointed for the trial. The Bishop shall also issue a precept, di-

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spend as little and obtain as much of all that renders society and happy.

The Committee report a resolution for the action of the

Resolved, That in reporting annually the charitable collections, those items should not be included which can with profit be put under the head of Parochial or Diocesan Expenditures.

The Committee can but observe with pain the number of men in the sacred ministry, announced in the address of the Bishop. The discipline of the Church is maintained, but they also show that in view of the fact that unworthy men do enter the ranks need afterwards to be excluded from it, it becomes all the more necessary for Orders to be strictly conscientious. Office in the church may claim who is free from scandal or great defects. he shall possess some positive qualifications, giving assurance to his office to the glory of God and the edifying of the church. Freedom from scandal and mortification in future years, it becomes the responsibility of introducing men into the ministry many; but in the view of your Committee the chief burden rests on the Vestries who act first of all; whose business it is to know and commend, and who should never, without deliberation, recommend documents so emphatic as those prescribed in the Canon Law.

In reviewing the position of the Church in Alabama, we occupy a place of peculiar privilege. Instead of being weak, it is now strong enough to do. Its members are planting and efficient labor, and open-handed benevolence now prevails.

It is in our power to place almost at once upon the Relief of the Widows and Orphans of the Clergy. Impatience for a result that will so bind our Clergy.

The Church's great need is of a native ministry; their affections qualify them to work best in Alabama. so much is left unattempted because Ministers cannot.

Our most urgent need is of a Diocesan Training School to derive recruits for the ministerial ranks. May some such an enterprise, and some few acres of our soil be devoted to nursing and training an army for the service of God.

The churchmen of this Diocese may well regard the mining the measure of their contributions it should be not so much to be sustained as to be founded; and used to put the Church in working order, and to prepare another generation may do great things. By steadily carrying out her system, it will be better understood.

Much more does it behoove us to give no countenance to prejudice; to do nothing which may countenance immorality, and the necessity of vital godliness are understood.

It is to be feared that in the "revulsion from the other way. That while we deny that propriety, and lax laws and vexatious discipline, our people lose their social life and habits.

Your Committee feel well assured that no greater hindrance to the Church's advance than frivolity, extravagance, and lack of spirit and behavior on the part of our common people. Baptismal Covenant is held to mean no more than a promise, and if it is considered to demand of church members self-restraint in the conduct of life than are now. It will be hard to vindicate ourselves from this.

finer morality. In some instances the Church groans and sighs under the burden of frivolous members, and the world itself wonders to see their familiar faces in scenes where modesty should blush, and whence purity, gathering her robes about her, should retire in haste.

Pastoral influence, if firmly and kindly used, can mitigate this evil. In the Church there is a law of common sentiment which alone can regulate matters of detail. It becomes us to set up a lofty standard of Christian decorum, and to take care that if we incur, at least we deserve not the reproach of eliminating from the Gospel the cross of self-denial, which it ever joins with the crown of glory.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. C. LAY, Chairman.

On motion, unanimously *Resolved*, That the thanks of the Convention be tendered to Rev. H. C. LAY, for the faithful and efficient manner in which he has discharged the arduous duty imposed upon him by the Convention, of canvassing the Diocese in aid of the Episcopal Fund.

The Committee appointed to enquire into the expediency of a new organization of the Diocesan Missionary Society, presented the following—

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE UPON MISSIONARY ORGANIZATION.

The Committee appointed to inquire what, if any, measures could be taken to increase the efficiency of the Missionary operations of the Diocese, beg leave to report that they have given the subject such consideration as they were able, and have come unanimously to the conclusion that some action is necessary upon the part of the Convention. For the premises which lead them to this conclusion they refer to the reports of the Treasurer of the Diocesan Missionary Society for the few years last past. Those reports will show that neither clergymen nor laymen have taken that interest in our Diocesan Missions which their importance demands. As time rolls on the Diocese must expect to receive less and less aid from abroad, and must learn to depend upon its own resources for the propagation of the Gospel within its limits. Impressed with these views, and with such aid as they could gather from the experience of neighboring Dioceses, the Committee would unanimously advise that the Diocesan Missionary Society be re-organized, and the sphere of its operations enlarged upon the following or a somewhat similar basis:

PROPOSED CONSTITUTION.

ART. I. This Society shall be called the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in the Diocese of Alabama.

ART. II. The aims and object of the Society shall be to unite in one common effort the whole Church of this Diocese, Bishop, Priests, Deacons, Christian men and women, down to the youngest baptised child, in the cause of Diocesan Missions.

ART. III. The Society will arrive at this aim by sustaining Missionaries to preach the Gospel and establish congregations wherever opportunity offers—by assisting worthy but needy young men in securing the preparatory education to fit them for the sacred ministry—by distributing Bibles, Prayer Books and Tracts, and other suitable religious works in the Diocese.

ART. IV. The Officers of the Society shall be the Bishop as ex-officio President, a Vice President, a Secretary and Treasurer—the last two to be laymen. When there is a vacancy in the Episcopate the Society shall elect a President from its Presbyters. The Vice President in the absence of the President shall perform the duties of the President.

ART. V. An Executive Committee of five, two clergymen and three laymen, shall be annually elected. This Committee, of which the Secretary and Treasurer of the Society shall be ex-officio members, shall constitute a Board of Managers. A majority of the Committee shall constitute a quorum to transact business and to make By-Laws.

ART. VI. The Members of the Society shall be the Bishop and Clergy of the Diocese, ex-officio; Patrons by the payment of \$50; Life Members by the payment of \$80, and Members by the payment of \$5 annually.

ART. VII. It shall be the duty of each minister in the Diocese publicly to bring the objects of this Society annually before his Parish, and to request the friends of religion to co-operate with him in procuring members, donations of land, and monied offerings, and he shall forward the same to the Treasurer annually.

ART. VIII. The Treasurer shall receive and disburse the funds of the Society—keep a list of the Missionaries assisted or paid by the Society, and the amount allowed to each. The funds in his hands shall only be paid out by order of the Managers, or of the President. He shall report, at each anniversary meeting, the state of the Society's funds—its property—and present his accounts for examination and settlement.

ART. IX. The Secretary shall keep a Record of the Proceedings of the Board of Managers in a well-bound book. He shall, by virtue of his office, conduct the correspondence, and perform such other acts as the Board of Managers shall direct. He shall copy this Constitution on the Minutes of the first meeting of the Board of Managers.

ART. X. The Society shall meet annually, at the place where the Diocesan Convention is held, on the second day of the Convention. Such of the clerical and lay members of the Society as may be present, shall constitute a quorum to do business; and in absence of the President and Vice President, a President *pro tem.* shall be elected. A suitable sermon shall be preached during the Convention, or upon such day as shall be selected by the Bishop, either by the Bishop, or by some Clergyman appointed by him. After sermon a collection shall be taken up for the use of the Society.

ART. XI. The election of officers of this Society shall be made at such anniversary meeting; and in case of a failure to elect, then the old officers shall continue in office until an election be held.

ART. XII. Every lay member shall pay at the time of subscription and annually thereafter, the sum of \$5, to the Treasurer.

ART. XIII. Missionaries employed by the Bishop, shall be allowed such salaries as he may direct, to be paid out of the funds of the Society. The President shall report to the Convention, the number of Missionaries aided by it—their different stations or employment—the sums paid to each—what person has been employed to sell books, and the number of tracts and books distributed. The person employed to sell books shall report to the Convention, the amount of books sold and distributed by him during the year. Said Managers shall, from the funds of the Society aid in the education of such youths of piety as are recommended by the Bishop, and in general shall have power to adopt and execute such measures as they may deem proper to further the objects of this Society. When the Episcopate is vacant, the Standing Committee shall have the powers confided by this Article to the Bishop.

ART. XIV. The President may convene the Board of Managers at any time he thinks proper.

ART. XV. The Constitution may be altered at any annual meeting of the Society, by a vote of at least two-thirds of the members present, and shall be published, together with the annual proceedings of the Society, with the Journals of the Convention.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

GEO. F. CUSHMAN, Chairman.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Convention be instructed to print the proceedings of the preliminary meetings of the Society for the Relief of Disabled Clergymen and Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen, in the next Journal.

A motion was made to suspend the Rules of Order and rejected.

On motion, *Resolved*, That a Committee of three Clergymen and two Laymen be appointed to nominate the members of the Standing Committee, and Delegates to the General Convention.

The Chair appointed the Rev. Messrs. Wm. A. STICKNEY, CUSHMAN and LEACOCK, of the Clergy, and Messrs. ALISON and ELLERBE, of the Laity, said Committee.

Mr. LABUZAN wished leave of absence for the remainder of the session. Granted.

On motion, the Convention proceeded to the election of the Diocesan Missionary Committee.

Rev. Messrs. F. B. LEE, J. A. MASSEY, and GEO. F. CUSHMAN, of the Clergy, and Messrs. ELLERBE and CONLEY, were nominated and elected.

THOS. W. MCCOY, was nominated and re-elected Treasurer.

On motion, the Convention proceeded to the election of Trustees of the Bishop's Fund.

Messrs. ELLERBE, ALISON, and J. A. M. BATTLE, were nominated and elected Trustees for the ensuing year.

On motion, *Ordered*, That the Secretary have printed 700 copies of the Journal, with the Rules of Order.

On motion, unanimously *Resolved*, That the thanks of this Convention be tendered to the citizens of Mobile for their hospitality.

The Committee appointed to nominate members of the Standing Committee and Delegates to the General Convention, nominated for the Standing Committee, Rev. Messrs. MASSEY, CUSHMAN, and MITCHELL, of the Clergy, and Messrs. CONLEY, S. G. JONES and A. R. BELL, of the Laity; and Delegates to the General Convention, Rev. Messrs. BANISTER, LAY, CUSHMAN and HANSON, of the Clergy, and Messrs. CONLEY, ELLERBE, BUNKER, and PHELAN, of the Laity, principals, and the Rev. Messrs. LEE, MITCHELL, INGRAHAM, and MASSEY, of the Clergy, and Messrs. SCHROEDER, HOKE, BENNERS, and HARRISON, alternates.

On motion, the Rules of Order were suspended and the above nominees were elected "viva voce."

The proposed amendments to Canon 1st, laid over from the last Convention, were taken up and rejected.

The following resolution was presented :

Resolved, That the next Annual Convention be held in St. John's Church, Montgomery, on the first Thursday in May, 1857.

A motion was made to strike out St. John's Church, Montgomery, and insert St. Luke's Church, Cahaba. Rejected.

The original resolution was then adopted.

The Rt. Rev. President resumed the chair.

After Prayer, and the benediction by the Bishop, the Convention adjourned *sine die*.

N. H. COBBS, President.

HENRY A. TAYLOR, Secretary.

The following report was received too late to be inserted in the appropriate place :

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, ELYTON—REV. R. D. NEVINS, Missionary.

Baptisms—White, adults, 2, infants 7,.....Total, 9
 Communicants—at last Report, 8,.....present number 8
 Communion administered.....1
 Collections—Diocesan Missions.....\$20

This little parish is struggling manfully, not for existence merely, but for a permanent establishment.

With only the occasional services of the zealous and much loved Missionary of North Alabama, Rev. T. A. MORRIS, and myself: the little band of Laymen have so striven that there is a class awaiting confirmation, almost large enough to double their present number of communicants. Rev. T. A. MORRIS and myself have each visited the parish once, and have been greatly cheered and encouraged by marks of a healthful growth, which are signs of God's favor. The parish is indebted to the Rev. WILLIAM JOHNSON for services held on Christmas day.

Lay service is read in the Methodist meeting house as often as there are no other appointments, and the parish hope soon to secure a room exclusively for themselves, when the service will be read every Sunday.

There is good reason to hope that could they have more frequent ministrations from a Missionary, the parish would soon become self-supporting.



ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION.

WE, whose names are hereunto affixed, deeply impressed with the importance of the Christian religion, and earnestly desiring to promote its holy influence in the hearts and lives of ourselves, our families, and our neighbors, do hereby associate ourselves together under the name and style and title of the Parish of ——— Church, ———, ——— County, and State of Alabama, and by so doing do adopt the Constitution and Canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Alabama, in communion with the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America.

Agreeably to Canon XI, 1850, we certify to the Convention of the Diocese of Alabama, that the above recited Articles of Association have been duly signed by the members of the Parish of ——— Church, ———.

Rules of Order.

RULE 1.—The business of the first day of the Session of every Convention shall be introduced by the Morning Service of the Church, read by the President, or by a clerical member appointed by him; a Sermon and the administration of the Holy Communion: and that of each succeeding day by such prayers as he may select from the Liturgy.

RULE 2.—The order of transacting the business of the Convention shall be—First, the appointment of a President (if there be no Bishop, or if he be absent,) and a Secretary *pro tem*. The Secretary shall then call, in alphabetical order, the names of the Clergy entitled to seats. He shall next call the Churches entitled to representation, when the Delegates shall lay their certificates on the Secretary's table. These shall be referred to a Committee of three, who shall forthwith examine them and report to the Convention. A constitutional quorum having been found present, the President shall declare the Convention duly organized.

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RULE 4.—When the President takes the chair, no member shall continue standing, or shall stand up unless to address the President.

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RULE 11.—A question on amendment shall be decided before the original motion.

RULE 12.—Every member who shall be present, when the question is put, shall vote, unless he be personally interested, or be excused from voting by the Convention.

Diocesan Officers.

Standing Committee.

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Rev. GEO. F. CUSHMAN, Secretary.

A. R. BELL,

M. J. CONLEY,

S. G. JONES.

Missionary Committee.

Rt. Rev. N. H. COBBS, D. D.,

Rev. F. B. LEE,

A. W. ELLERBE,

Rev. J. A. MASSEY,

M. J. CONLEY.

Rev. GEO. F. CUSHMAN.

Treasurer—THOS. W. MCCOY, Mobile.

Trustees of the Bishop's Fund.

A. W. ELLERBE, Treasurer, Liberty Hill, Dallas County.

H. L. ALISON, Carlowville.

J. A. M. BATTLE, Mobile.

Delegates to the General Convention.

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M. J. CONLEY,

Rev. H. C. LAY,

A. W. ELLERBE,

Rev. F. R. HANSON,

ROBERT S. BUNKER,

Rev. GEO. F. CUSHMAN,

J. D. PHELAN.

Alternates.

Rev. F. B. LEE,

H. A. SCHROEDER,

Rev. J. M. MITCHELL,

J. D. HOKE,

Rev. J. A. MASSEY,

A. BENNERS,

Rev. J. H. INGRAHAM,

THOS. A. HARRISON.

Secretary and Treasurer of the Convention.

HENRY A. TAYLOR, Macon, Marengo County.

☞ The next Annual Convention will be held in Montgomery, the first Thursday in May, 1857.

APPENDIX.

MEETING OF THE LAY DELEGATES.

TRINITY CHURCH, Mobile, May 3d, 1856.

Immediately after the Convention adjourned, a meeting of the Lay Delegates was organized by calling ROBERT S. BUNKER, of Mobile, to the Chair, and the appointment of A. W. ELLERBE, Esq., of Dallas county, Secretary.

The Chairman briefly stated to the meeting that the resolution embodied in the able Report of the Rev. H. C. LAY, Chairman of the Committee on the State of the Church, so promptly responded to by the Convention, asking our Bishop to seek restoration of his health by relaxation from the arduous duties of the Bishoprick, presented a favorable opportunity for the Laity of the Diocese to wait upon him with a formal invitation to avail himself of the coming season to travel, and to pledge a free offering from all the Parishes in this Diocese of the means necessary to that end.

The meeting then pledged themselves to the extent of *one thousand dollars, and, on motion of H. A. TAYLOR, Esq., Mr. M. J. CONLEY was appointed Treasurer.

On motion of H. A. SCHROEDER, Esq., a committee, to consist of ROBERT S. BUNKER, A. W. ELLERBE, Esq., and Dr. H. L. ALISON, was appointed to wait upon the Bishop with the proceedings of this meeting.

There being no other business, the meeting, on motion, then adjourned.

CORRESPONDENCE.

TRINITY CHURCH, Mobile, 3d May, 1856.

RT. REV. N. H. CORBS, D. D. :

Reverend Father in God: At a meeting of the Lay Delegates to the late Convention, the undersigned were appointed a Committee to express to the Bishop the deep sympathy felt by the members, in his impaired health, and affectionately urge on him the necessity of rest from the arduous labors of his Diocese.

To effect the desired end, change of climate and scene is most necessary, and this Committee is directed to entreat the Bishop, earnestly and respectfully, to avail

* This sum was largely exceeded.

himself of the present season and seek by travel to restore that health so requisite to his future usefulness in the Diocese.

Ample means for the object have been provided, and in tendering the amount the undersigned would express a heartfelt prayer, that their venerated Father in God may receive from it that benefit which is so much desired by every member of the Diocese.

ROBERT S. BUNKER, for himself
and { A. W. ELLERBE,
H. L. ALISON,
Committee.

MOBILE, May, 5, 1856.

Messrs. ROBERT S. BUNKER, A. W. ELLERBE, and H. L. ALISON:

Gentlemen: Your very kind and affectionate letter, of the 3d inst., has been received, and I can truly say has most deeply affected me. From the very bottom of my heart I do thank you for the generous offer contained in your letter, and which I would accept with the liveliest feelings of gratitude. I will gladly and promptly avail myself of the opportunity to travel which your christian kindness has now afforded me, and I pray that my health may be so far restored as to enable me by my future labors to show myself worthy of the friendship and confidence of the noble-hearted Laymen of Alabama. With my prayers for God's blessing on yourself and the other gentlemen who have been associated with you in this charitable work, I remain,

Your obliged and attached friend,
N. H. COBBS.

FORM OF PAROCHIAL REPORT.

| _____Parish. | _____Rector. | _____Date. |
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| Baptisms—White, adults, —; infants, —;..... | | Total, — |
| “ Colored, adults, —; infants, —;..... | | “ — |
| Confirmations—White, —; colored, —;..... | | “ — |
| Marriages—White, —; colored —;..... | | “ — |
| Deaths—White, —; colored —;..... | | “ — |
| Communicants—White, at last Report, —; Died, —; Removed, —; pres't number, — | | |
| “ Colored, at the last Report, —; Died, —; Removed —; “ “ — | | |
| Sunday School—Teachers, —; scholars, white, —; colored, —; | | Total, — |
| Library Books,..... | | — |
| Communion administered,..... | | — |
| Communion Offerings,..... | | — |
| Collections—Diocesan Missions,..... | | — |
| “ Domestic “ | | — |
| “ Foreign “ | | — |
| “ For Parochial Schools,..... | | — |
| “ For Church purposes, generally,..... | | — |
| Time spent in the Parish in the performance of its regular duties, since last Report,..... | | — months |
| REMARKS— | | |

ABSTRACT OF THE PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

| NAMES OF PARISHES. | When admitted into Union. | Baptisms. | | | | Confirmed. | Married. | Buried. | Communicants. | | | | S. Schools. | | | Paid to Bishop's Assessment. | Paid to County Agent. | Paid to Diocesan Society. | Domestic Missions. | Foreign Missions. | Church purposes Generally. |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------|--------------|------------|--------------|------------|------------|-----------|---------------|-----------|--------------|------------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|
| | | Children. | Adults. | Children. | Adults. | Whole No. | Added. | Died. | Removed. | Colored. | Whole No. | Teachers. | White Scholars. | Colored Scholars. | Bishops. | | | | | | |
| Christ Church, Mobile. | 1880 | 87 | 4 | 41 | 10 | 11 | 30 | 23 | 4 | 14 | 205 | 20 | 128 | 94 | 24 | 500 00 | 40 00 | 197 60 | 168 45 | 903 15 | 179 20 |
| Christ Church, Tuscaloosa. | 1880 | 7 | 2 | 17 | 7 | 8 | 2 | 9 | 8 | 8 | 65 | 7 | 40 | 30 | 200 00 | 200 00 | 03 25 | 98 95 | 50 00 | 182 00 | 1,865 75 |
| St. Paul's Church, Greenboro. | 1880 | 9 | 1 | 13 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 2 | 12 | 12 | 12 | 2 | 80 | 80 | 50 00 | 175 00 | 14 00 | 03 25 | 182 00 | 182 00 | 1,865 75 |
| Trinity Church, Demopolis. | 1885 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 45 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 50 00 | 4 00 | 00 00 | 00 00 | 00 00 | 00 00 |
| St. James' Church, Livingston. | 1886 | 16 | 8 | 24 | 19 | 7 | 6 | 15 | 13 | 4 | 180 | 19 | 95 | 85 | 94 80 | 250 00 | 20 00 | 60 00 | 75 00 | 75 00 | 183 00 |
| St. John's Church, Montgomery. | 1887 | 4 | 1 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 47 | 5 | 54 | 31 | 40 00 | 50 00 | 8 20 | 12 55 | 7 50 | 7 50 | 51 13 |
| St. Wilfrid's Church, Marion. | 1888 | 7 | 6 | 19 | 14 | 8 | 14 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 86 | 5 | 81 | 17 | 12 80 | 50 00 | 4 00 | 11 15 | 8 00 | 8 00 | 00 00 |
| St. Peter's Church, Lowndes County. | 1888 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 49 | 6 | 20 | 17 | 50 00 | 50 00 | 4 00 | 7 20 | 3 25 | 3 25 | 00 00 |
| St. Paul's Church, Selma. | 1888 | 7 | 6 | 19 | 14 | 8 | 14 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 86 | 5 | 81 | 17 | 12 80 | 50 00 | 4 00 | 11 15 | 8 00 | 8 00 | 00 00 |
| St. Luke's Church, Cahaba. | 1889 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 49 | 6 | 20 | 17 | 50 00 | 50 00 | 4 00 | 7 20 | 3 25 | 3 25 | 00 00 |
| St. Paul's Church, Carlowville. | 1889 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 49 | 6 | 20 | 17 | 50 00 | 50 00 | 4 00 | 7 20 | 3 25 | 3 25 | 00 00 |
| St. John's Church, Tusculumbia. | 1890 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 49 | 6 | 20 | 17 | 50 00 | 50 00 | 4 00 | 7 20 | 3 25 | 3 25 | 00 00 |
| Trinity Church, Florence. | 1890 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 49 | 6 | 20 | 17 | 50 00 | 50 00 | 4 00 | 7 20 | 3 25 | 3 25 | 00 00 |
| Church of the Nativity, Huntsville. | 1893 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 49 | 6 | 20 | 17 | 50 00 | 50 00 | 4 00 | 7 20 | 3 25 | 3 25 | 00 00 |
| St. David's Church, Dallas County. | 1894 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 49 | 6 | 20 | 17 | 50 00 | 50 00 | 4 00 | 7 20 | 3 25 | 3 25 | 00 00 |
| St. Andrew's Church, Macon. | 1894 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 49 | 6 | 20 | 17 | 50 00 | 50 00 | 4 00 | 7 20 | 3 25 | 3 25 | 00 00 |
| Church of the Holy Cross, Uniontown. | 1895 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 49 | 6 | 20 | 17 | 50 00 | 50 00 | 4 00 | 7 20 | 3 25 | 3 25 | 00 00 |
| St. James' Church, Eufaula. | 1895 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 49 | 6 | 20 | 17 | 50 00 | 50 00 | 4 00 | 7 20 | 3 25 | 3 25 | 00 00 |
| St. John's Church, in the Wilderness. | 1895 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 49 | 6 | 20 | 17 | 50 00 | 50 00 | 4 00 | 7 20 | 3 25 | 3 25 | 00 00 |
| St. Stephen's Church, Enlaw. | 1896 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 49 | 6 | 20 | 17 | 50 00 | 50 00 | 4 00 | 7 20 | 3 25 | 3 25 | 00 00 |
| Trinity Church, Mobile. | 1897 | 24 | 9 | 34 | 7 | 13 | 28 | 14 | 8 | 8 | 190 | 11 | 90 | 25 | 150 00 | 150 00 | 3 20 | 1 80 | 7 80 | 7 80 | 00 00 |
| St. Mark's Church, Greene County. | 1897 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 40 00 | 40 00 | 3 20 | 3 20 | 20 10 | 20 10 | 00 00 |
| St. Luke's Church, Jacksonville. | 1898 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 23 | 8 | 19 | 15 | 95 00 | 95 00 | 3 00 | 6 45 | 6 45 | 6 45 | 00 00 |
| St. John's Church, Elyton. | 1898 | 7 | 7 | 9 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 30 | 21 | 100 | 25 | 45 00 | 45 00 | 3 20 | 3 20 | 535 00 | 535 00 | 960 00 |
| St. Michael's Church, Marengo County. | 1898 | 71 | 10 | 88 | 29 | 17 | 81 | 85 | 4 | 16 | 190 | 21 | 100 | 25 | 75 00 | 75 00 | 6 00 | 6 00 | 6 00 | 6 00 | 00 00 |
| St. John's Church, Mobile. | 1898 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 45 00 | 45 00 | 6 00 | 6 00 | 6 00 | 6 00 | 00 00 |
| St. Mary's Church, Camden. | 1898 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 18 | 18 | 18 | 18 | 45 00 | 45 00 | 6 00 | 6 00 | 6 00 | 6 00 | 00 00 |
| St. Paul's Church, Lowndesboro. | 1898 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 18 | 18 | 18 | 18 | 45 00 | 45 00 | 6 00 | 6 00 | 6 00 | 6 00 | 00 00 |
| Grace Church, St. Stephen's. | 1898 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 18 | 18 | 18 | 18 | 45 00 | 45 00 | 6 00 | 6 00 | 6 00 | 6 00 | 00 00 |
| Church of the Good Shepherd, Mobile. | 1898 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 18 | 18 | 18 | 18 | 45 00 | 45 00 | 6 00 | 6 00 | 6 00 | 6 00 | 00 00 |
| St. John's Chapel. | 1898 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 18 | 18 | 18 | 18 | 45 00 | 45 00 | 6 00 | 6 00 | 6 00 | 6 00 | 00 00 |
| St. Mark's Chapel. | 1898 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 18 | 18 | 18 | 18 | 45 00 | 45 00 | 6 00 | 6 00 | 6 00 | 6 00 | 00 00 |
| North Alabama Mission. | 1898 | 11 | 2 | 15 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 19 | 19 | 19 | 19 | 45 00 | 45 00 | 6 00 | 6 00 | 6 00 | 6 00 | 00 00 |
| Trinity Church, Auburn. | 1898 | 11 | 2 | 15 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 19 | 19 | 19 | 19 | 45 00 | 45 00 | 6 00 | 6 00 | 6 00 | 6 00 | 00 00 |
| TOTAL | | 285 58 | 63 16 | 354 | 90 67 | 139 | 137 | 94 | 88 | 78 | 1,461 | 109 | 680 | 353 | 2,308 80 | 139 52 | 943 20 | 874 97 | 1,099 67 | 2,999 08 | |

* Taken from the Journal of the last Convention—no Report having been received this year.

Journal of the Proceedings

OF THE

SOCIETY FOR THE RELIEF OF DISABLED CLERGYMEN, AND OF THE WIDOWS AND ORPHANS OF DECEASED CLERGY- MEN OF THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH, IN THE DIOCESE OF ALABAMA.

TRINITY CHURCH, Mobile, }
May 5, A. D. 1856, 9 o'clock, A. M. }

Society met pursuant to adjournment, the Rt. Rev. N. H. COBBS, D. D., in the Chair. After prayer by the President, the roll was called and minutes of last meeting read by the Secretary.

Mr. ELLERBE, on the part of the Committee to whom was referred the resolution offered at the last meeting by Dr. H. L. ALISON, made a report.

Whereupon, the said resolution, together with the Constitution of the Society was referred to a Committee consisting of Messrs. A. W. ELLERBE, H. L. ALISON, and EMANUEL JONES, with instructions to report at the next annual meeting of the Society.

The following resolution was then offered and unanimously adopted:
Resolved, That this Society gratefully receive the Legacy left by Mrs. BAGSHAW for the benefit of Rev. J. M. BANISTER, and that the Treasurer be instructed to invest the same.

On motion, the Society adjourned *sine die*.

N. H. COBBS, President.

HENRY A. TAYLOR, Secretary.



MEMBERS

OF THE

Society for the relief of Disabled Clergymen, and of the Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Alabama.

1846.—Rt. Rev. N. H. COBBS, D. D., Rev. B. M. MILLER, removed; Rev. F. B. LEE, Rev. N. P. KNAPP, deceased; Rev. J. A. MASSEY, Rev. F. R. HANSON, Rev. F. M. BAKER, removed; Rev. E. C. MURDAUGH, removed; ENOCH SAWYER, withdrawn; TURNER WILSON, removed; JOHN ELLERBE, deceased; WM. M. GARROW, removed; H. L. ALISON, JESSE P. TAYLOR, deceased; HENRY A. TAYLOR, L. E. DAWSON, deceased.

1847.—Rev. WM. I. ZIMMER, removed; Rev. J. M. MITCHELL, Rev. F. P. LEE, deceased; PAUL LEE, M. D.; M. J. CONLEY, F. J. LEE, deceased; J. SIMPSON, life member; F. G. STICKNEY, withdrawn; DAVID MINGE.



- 1848.—Rev. R. A. COBBS, L. H. ANDERSON, life member; F. W. MCCOY, deceased; HINDMAN BARNEY, deceased; E. W. PECK.
- 1849.—Rev. THOS. S. SAVAGE, removed; Rev. H. C. LAY, Rev. J. H. MORRISON, removed; Rev. J. M. ROBERTSON, Rev. F. M. PEAKE, deceased; Rev. J. H. TICKNOR, withdrawn; JOHN P. BROUN, A. W. ELLERBE, S. G. CHAPMAN, THOS. B. TAYLOR.
- 1850.—EMANUEL JONES.
- 1853.—W. W. LANG, life member; J. W. CLAY.
- 1854.—R. P. MCCORD, J. D. ALISON, Mrs. A. J. LEE.
- 1855.—Rev. B. B. LEACOCK, life member; Rev. WM. J. ELLIS, Rev. R. D. NEVIUS, Rev. GEO. F. CUSHMAN, C. L. STICKNEY, H. E. CURTIS, M. D.; WM. MORETON DYER, ISAAC CROOM, Mrs. C. A. PICKENS, Mrs. SAWYER, Miss E. DUBOSE, Mrs. S. E. PASTEUR, Mrs. AVERY, Mrs. THOS. POE.
- 1856.—Rev. J. H. INGRAHAM, Rev. G. W. STICKNEY, Mrs. M. C. LOCKWOOD, Mrs. ABBY BROUN.

Society for the relief of the Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen,

In account with HENRY A. TAYLOR, Treasurer.

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|------------------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|--------|
| 1855.—May 1.—By Balance,..... | | \$666 09 | |
| “ 12.—By amount from members..... | | 305 00 | |
| “ 12.—By collections—St. Andrews' Church, Ma- | | | |
| con,..... | \$ 7 05 | | |
| Union Parish,..... | 7 00 | | |
| St. John's Church, Tuscumbia,..... | 12 05 | | |
| St. Paul's Church, Carlowville,.... | 21 35 | | |
| St. Paul's Church, Greensboro',.... | 132 10 | 179 55 | |
| “ 12.—By interest on note, \$200 45..... | | 16 00 | |
| “ 12.—By two year's interest on note, \$50..... | | 8 00 | |
| “ 12.—By interest on note, \$128 35..... | | 10 26 | |
| “ 12.—By David Minge,..... | | 5 00 | |
| “ 12.—By St. Luke's Church, Cahaba, per Rev. Geo. | | | |
| F. Cushman..... | | 5 00 | |
| “ 24.—To note..... | 95 00 | | |
| July 9.—By Mrs. Jackson,..... | \$ 1 00 | | |
| “ 9.—Mrs C. A. Pickens..... | 10 00 | | |
| “ 9.—Mrs. S. E. Pasteur,..... | 5 00 | | |
| “ 9.—Mrs. Thomas Poe,..... | 5 00 | 21 00 | |
| 1856.—Feb. 21.—To note,..... | 1080 00 | | |
| “ 21.—By interest on \$666, 09, nine months 21 days. | | 32 18 | |
| “ 21.—By interest on \$528 81, nine months 9 days. | | 32 79 | |
| “ 21.—By interest on note \$366 33, to Jan. 1, 1856. | | 29 35 | |
| “ 21.—To note,..... | 29 30 | | |
| April 26.—By interest on note of \$200 45..... | | 16 11 | |
| “ 26.—By interest on note of \$216..... | | 17 11 | |
| May 1.—To balance..... | 146 15 | | |
| | | \$1350 45 | \$1350 |
| “ 1.—By balance..... | 146 15 | | |
| 1856.—May 1.—Securities held by Treasurer,..... | \$2521 65 | | |
| Cash,..... | 146 15 | | |
| | | \$2667 80 | |

MINUTES OF THE PRELIMINARY MEETINGS
OF THE
Society for the Relief of Disabled Clergymen, &c.

MEETINGS OF 1846,

FRIDAY MORNING, May 9th, 1846.

At a meeting of the Clergy and Laity of the Diocese, convened in St. Paul's Church, Carlowville, on the 8th day of May, 1846,

On motion, the Rt. Rev. BISHOP, being present, was called to the Chair, and the Rev. B. M. MILLER appointed Secretary.

The Rev. F. B. LEE explained the object of the meeting to be the formation of a Society for the relief of disabled Clergymen, and the Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen of the Diocese of Alabama.

The Rev. Mr. KNAPP and Col. DAWSON addressed the meeting, the latter gentleman giving some interesting details of the Society, in the Diocese of South Carolina.

On motion, a committee of three (the Rev. F. B. LEE, Rev. N. P. KNAPP and Mr. L. E. DAWSON,) was appointed to draft a Constitution and to report to the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned to assemble again immediately after the Convention, to-morrow.

Signed, **B. M. MILLER, Secretary.**

SATURDAY, May 10th, 1846.

An adjourned meeting was held in St. Paul's Church this day agreeable to adjournment.

Mr. L. E. DAWSON was called to the Chair. The proceedings of yesterday were read by the Secretary. The Rev. F. B. LEE reported the Constitution which was read.

On motion, the blanks were filled, and the Constitution, as amended, was adopted.

On motion, the Society then proceeded to the election of officers.

L. E. DAWSON, was elected President; E. W. PECK, Vice President; H. A. TAYLOR, Secretary and Treasurer.

Standing Committee.—Rev. F. B. LEE, Chairman; Rev. N. P. KNAPP, H. L. ALISON, JOHN ELLERBE, JOHN SIMPSON.

The Society then adjourned.

(Signed,) **B. M. MILLER, Secretary.**

CONSTITUTION

OF

The Society for the Relief of Disabled Clergymen, and the Widows and Orphans of the Clergy of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Alabama.

ARTICLE I. This Society shall be composed of all Clergymen in ecclesiastical connexion with the Diocese, and all Laymen, recommended by a member, upon the payment of Five Dollars annually.

A donation of fifty dollars shall constitute life membership.

ART. II. The Officers of the Society shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, and a committee of five members, to be named "The Standing Committee," to be chosen by ballot at every annual meeting. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep a list of members and a correct record of the proceedings to be read at the opening of its sessions. The Treasurer shall be required to collect the dues, to disburse all funds agreeable to the order of the Standing Committee, and to make an annual report. The Standing Committee shall be empowered to execute all orders of the Society, to appropriate its funds, and exercise a general direction during its recess.

ART. III. Engagements in business, or the marriage of any female beneficiary, shall exclude them from any claims on this charity.

ART. IV. No resignation shall be accepted by this body unless application for the same be made, by letter, to the President.

ART. 5. There shall be an annual meeting of the Society during the session of every Convention of the Diocese.

MEETING OF 1847.

At a meeting of the members of the Society held in Christ Church, Tuscaloosa, Friday, May 8th, 1847, in the absence of the President the Rev. F. B. LEE took the Chair and called the meeting to order. The roll was called by the Treasurer. The Treasurer then presented his report which was accepted.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Treasurer be authorised to loan or invest any funds in his hands for the benefit of the Society.

The Rev. FRANCIS PRIOLEAU LEE, and Messrs. PAUL LEE, M. D., M. J. CONLEY, F. J. LEE, JOHN SIMPSON, F. G. STICKNEY, DAVID MINGE, and J. M. MITCHELL, became members of the Society.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Standing Committee request a Clergyman to preach at each annual meeting, and a collection be taken up for the benefit of the Society.

On motion, the meeting proceeded to elect officers, *viva voce*.

Hon. L. E. DAWSON, was elected President; Hon. E. W. PECK, Vice President, HENRY A. TAYLOR, Secretary.

Standing Committee.—Rev. F. B. LEE, Chairman; Rev. N. P. KNAPP, H. L. ALISON, JOHN ELLERBE, JOHN SIMPSON.

The meeting then adjourned *sine die*.

Test :

HENRY A. TAYLOR, Secretary.

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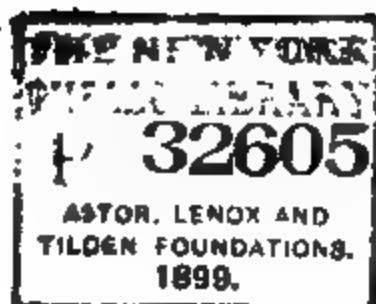
PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH

IN THE

DIOCESE OF ALABAMA.

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OF THE
TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF THE
Protestant Episcopal Church,

IN THE
DIOCESE OF ALABAMA,

HELD IN ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, MONTGOMERY,

On the 7th, 8th and 9th of May, A. D. 1857.

MOBILE:
FARROW & DEXKERT, BOOK AND JOB PRINTERS,
No. 48 Water Street.
1857.

List of Clergy in the Diocese of Alabama.

IN ATTENDANCE.

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| Rt. Rev. N. H. COBB, D. D., |St. John's Church, Montgomery. |
| Rev. J. M. BANISTER, |St. Paul's Church, Greensboro'. |
| " R. A. COBB, |Church of the Holy Cross, Uniontown. |
| " G. F. CUSHMAN, |St. Luke's Church, Cahaba. |
| " F. R. HANSON, | Trinity Church, Demopolis, and St. Andrew's Church, Macon. |
| " H. C. LAY, |Church of the Nativity, Huntsville. |
| " F. B. LEE, |St. Paul's Church, Carlisle. |
| " A. MENZIES, (Deacon,) |St. Michael's Church, Marengo County. |
| " J. M. MITCHELL, (Assistant Minister,) |St. John's Church, Montgomery. |
| " THOMAS A. MORRIS, |St. Luke's Church, Jacksonville. |
| " R. D. NEVIUS, |Christ Church, Tuscaloosa. |
| " W. J. PERDUE, |St. Peter's Church, Lowndes County. |
| " S. U. SMITH, |St. James' Church, Livingston. |
| " W. A. STICKNEY, |St. Wilfrid's Church, Marion. |
| " GEO. W. STICKNEY, |Church of the Good Shepherd, Mobile. |
| " J. H. TICKNOR, |St. Paul's Church, Selma. |

NOT IN ATTENDANCE.

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| " THOS. A. COOK, |Residing in Talladega. |
| " CHARLES A. DERBY, (Deacon,) |St. Stephen's Church, Eutaw. |
| " J. H. INGRAHAM, |Residing in Baltimore. |
| " B. B. LEACOCK, |Christ Church, Mobile. |
| " J. A. MASSEY, |Trinity Church, Mobile. |
| " J. J. NICHOLSON, |Missionary at Spring Hill. |
| " J. B. RAMSDALL, |Residing in Indiana. |
| " J. M. ROBERTSON, |St. Mark's Chapel, Madison County. |
| " L. R. STAUDENMAYER, |Residing in Kansas. |
| " G. WHITE, |Trinity Church, Florence. |

List of Lay Delegates.

St. Luke's Church, Jacksonville.

JOHN D. HOKE,
GEORGE HOKE,
*GEORGE H. FORNEY,
JAMES B. FORNEY,
*JOHN H. WRIGHT.

St. Paul's Church, Carlisle.

*H. L. ALBION,
T. B. LEE,
B. REYNOLDS,
W. W. LANG,
J. D. ALBION.

Church of the Holy Cross, Uniontown.

*D. W. PITTE,
J. M. LANGHORNE,
T. M. WALTHALL.

St. Andrew's Church, Macon.

*HENRY A. TAYLOR.

St. Mary's Church, Mobile County.

A. J. ROBERTS,
JOHN JOHNSON,
JOHN ELLIOTT.

St. John's Church, Montgomery.

*C. T. POLLARD,
*THOMAS B. TAYLOR,
*M. J. CONLEY,
*SAM'L G. JONES,
*A. R. BELL.

St. Luke's Church, Cahaba.

*E. M. PERINE,
*D. S. TROY,
T. M. MATHEWS,
C. C. PEQUEE,
S. D. HAYS.

Trinity Church, Mobile.

*ROBERT ADAMS,
RICHARD B. OWEN,
C. C. HAZARD,
B. A. WHITAKER.

St. David's Church, Dallas County.

*A. W. ELLERBE.

St. James' Church, Livingston.

*L. H. ANDERSON,
WM. WETMORE,
HENRY R. THORNTON.

St. Wilfrid's Church, Marion.

*J. D. PHELAN,
*R. T. JONES,
LEONIDAS WALTHALL,
*J. J. SEAWELL.

St. Michael's Church, Marengo Co.

DAVID MINGE,
R. C. DUBOSE,
THOS. A. HARRISON,
GEO. W. H. MINGE.

St. Paul's Church, Greensboro'.

ISAAC CROOM,
R. B. WALLER,
*C. L. STICKNEY,
S. MOORE,
A. BENNERS.

St. Peter's Church, Lowndes Count

*JOHN P. BROWN.

St. Paul's Church, Selma.

A. G. MABRY,
A. L. HADEN,
JOHN MITCHELL,
A. W. SPAIGHT.

Christ Church, Tuscaloosa.

J. M. VAN HOOSE,
E. W. PECK,
*J. L. COBBE,
A. S. NICHOLSON.

St. John's Church, Mobile.

EMANUEL JONES,
DAVID CUMMING,
DANIEL HARRIS,
F. E. GORDON.

Christ Church, Mobile.

*C. A. BRADFORD,
H. A. SCHROEDER,
ARCHIBALD GRACIE,
*ROBERT S. BUNKER,
WM. ALDERSON.

* Those thus marked were in attendance.

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OF

THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CONVENTION.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, MONTGOMERY, }
Thursday, May 7th, 1857. }

THIS being the time appointed for the meeting of the Twenty-Sixth Annual Convention of the Diocese of Alabama, the Clergy and Laity assembled in St. John's Church—Divine Service commenced about 10½ o'clock, A. M. Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. Messrs. NEVINS and GEO. W. STICKNEY, and the Communion Service by the Rt. Rev. Bishop of the Diocese. The Sermon was preached by the Rev. J. M. BANISTER, from 1st Cor., 4th chap. 1st verse :

"Let a man so account of us, as of the Ministers of Christ, and Stewards of the mysteries of God. Moreover, it is required in Stewards, that a man be found faithful."

The Holy Communion was administered by the Bishop, assisted in the distribution of the elements by the Rev. Messrs. LEE and MITCHELL.

After the Benediction, the Convention was called to order by the Rt. Rev. N. H. COBBS, D. D. On motion, H. A. TAYLOR was elected Secretary *pro tempore*. The Bishop then presented the list of the Clergy canonically connected with the Diocese.

Rt. Rev. N. H. COBBS, D. D., Bishop.

Rev. J. M. BANISTER, St. Paul's Church, Greensboro'.

" R. A. COBBS, Church of the Holy Cross, Uniontown.

" THOMAS A. COOK, Talladega.

" GEO. F. CUSHMAN, St. Luke's Church, Cahaba.

" CHARLES A. DERBY, (Deacon,) St. Stephen's Church, Eutaw, and Gainesville.

" F. R. HANSON, Trinity Church, Demopolis.

" J. H. INGRAHAM, residing in Baltimore.

" H. C. LAY, Church of the Nativity, Huntsville.

" B. B. LEACOCK, Christ Church, Mobile.

" F. B. LEE, St. Paul's Church, Carlowville.

" J. A. MASSEY, Trinity Church, Mobile.

Rev. A. MENÆOS, (Deacon,) St. Michael's Church, Marengo Co.

" J. M. MITCHELL, Assistant Minister, St. John's Church, Montgomery.

" THOS. A. MORRIS, St. Luke's Church, Jacksonville.

" J. J. NICHOLSON, Missionary at Spring Hill.

" R. D. NEVIUS, Christ Church, Tuscaloosa.

" W. J. PERDUE, St. Peter's Church, Lowndes County.

" J. B. RAMSDALL, residing in Indiana.

" J. M. ROBERTSON, St. Mark's Church, Madison County.

" S. U. SMITH, St. James' Church, Livingston.

" L. R. STAUDENMAYER, residing in Kansas.

" W. A. STICKNEY, St. Wilfrid's Church, Marion.

" GEO. W. STICKNEY, Missionary at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Mobile.

" J. H. TICKNOR, St. Paul's Church, Selma.

" GEORGE WHITE, Trinity Church, Florence.

Their names being called, the following Clergy were found to be in attendance:

Rt. Rev. N. H. CORBS, D. D.

Rev. J. M. BANISTER,

" R. A. COBBS,

" GEO. F. CUSHMAN,

" H. C. LAY,

" F. B. LEE,

Rev. A. MENÆOS,

" J. M. MITCHELL,

" THOMAS A. MORRIS,

" R. D. NEVIUS,

" GEO. W. STICKNEY.

The list of Parishes was then called, and Certificates of Election were presented and referred to a Committee upon Certificates of Election, consisting of Rev. Messrs. LEE, NEVIUS and MORRIS.

The Committee upon Certificates of Election having examined the same, reported them in due form—

St. Luke's Church, Jacksonville.—John D. Hoke, Geo. Hoke, Geo. H. Forney, James B. Forney, John H. Wright.

St. Paul's Church, Carlouville.—H. L. Allison, T. B. Lee, Benj. Reynolds, W. W. Lang, J. D. Alison.

St. Luke's Church, Cahaba.—E. M. Perine, D. S. Troy, T. M. Mathews, C. C. Pegues, S. D. Hays.

St. Andrew's Church, Macon.—Henry A. Tayloe.

St. David's Church, Dallas County.—A. W. Ellerbe.

St. John's Church, Montgomery.—C. T. Pollard, Thos. B. Taylor, M. J. Conley, Sam. G. Jones, A. R. Bell.

Church of the Holy Cross, Uniontown.—D. W. Pitts, J. M. Langhorne, T. M. Walthall.

Trinity Church, Mobile.—Robert Adams, Richard B. Owen, C. C. Hazard, B. A. Whitaker.

Their names being called, the following Delegates were found in attendance:

Messrs. H. L. ALISON,
E. M. PERINE,
D. S. TROY,
H. A. TAYLOR,
A. W. ELLERBE,
C. T. POLLARD,

Messrs. THOS. B. TAYLOR,
M. J. CONLEY,
SAM'L G. JONES,
A. R. BELL,
D. W. PITTS,
ROBERT ADAMS.

A Constitutional quorum being present, the President declared the Convention duly organised.

On motion, HENRY A. TAYLOR was unanimously chosen Secretary.

On motion, LEROY H. ANDERSON was admitted as a Delegate from St. James' Church, Livingston.

On motion, *Resolved*, That any Clergyman of the Protestant Episcopal Church, not entitled to a seat, and Candidates for Orders, be invited to seats in the Convention, and report their names to the Secretary.

Articles of Association were presented from St. Mary's Church, (Mobile,) Mobile County.

ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION.

We, whose names are hereunto affixed, deeply impressed with the importance of the Christian Religion, and earnestly desiring to promote its holy influences in the hearts and lives of ourselves, our families and our neighbors, do hereby associate ourselves together under the name and style and title of the Parish of St. Mary's Church, (Mobile,) Mobile County, and State of Alabama, and by so doing, do adopt the Constitution and Canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Alabama, in continuation with the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America.

Agreeably to Canon XI, 1850, we certify to the Convention of the Diocese of Alabama, that the above recited Articles of Association have been duly signed by the members of the Parish of St. Mary's Church, (Mobile,) Mobile county.

GEO. W. STICKNEY, Chairman.

A. J. ROBERTS, Secretary pro tem.

And on motion, referred to a Committee on the Admission of New Parishes, consisting of Rev. Messrs. COBBS and MENÆOS, of the Clergy, and M. J. CONLEY, of the Laity. The Committee reported that the Articles of Association were in due form, and recommended its admission into union.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Parish of St. Mary's Church, (Mobile,) Mobile County, be admitted into union with the Convention.

A Certificate of Election was presented from St. Mary's Church, Mobile County, and referred to the Committee on Certificates of Election.

The Committee on Certificates of Election examined the same and reported it in due form.

St. Mary's Church, Mobile County.—A. J. ROBERTS, JOHN JOHNSON, JOHN ELLIOTT.

The President appointed the following Standing Committees :

Committee on the State of the Church.—Rev. Messrs. LAY, BANISTER, NEVINS, COBBS, Wm. A. STICKNEY.

Committee on Canons.—Rev. Messrs. LEE and CUSHMAN, of the Clergy, and Messrs. PHELAN, JONES and ELLERBE, of the Laity.

Committee on Finance.—Messrs. ALISON, POLLARD, TAYLOR, ANDERSON, PERINE, PITTS, TAYLOR, STICKNEY, BUNKER, COBBS, R. T. JONES.

Committee on Unfinished Business.—Rev. Messrs. G. W. STICKNEY and MORRIS.

The Rev. GEORGE F. CUSHMAN, Secretary of the Standing Committee, presented the annual Communication of the Standing Committee of the Diocese.

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

The Standing Committee respectfully report, that they were organized on the day of their election by the choice of the Rev. JOHN M. MITCHELL, President, and the Rev. Geo. F. CUSHMAN, Secretary.

On the 27th of July, 1856, the Rev. J. H. TUCKER was duly elected to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of the Rev. J. A. MASSEY.

On the 12th September, 1856, the Committee recommended the Rev. Geo. W. STICKNEY, Deacon, to the Bishop to be admitted to the Holy Order of Priests.

On the 2d March, 1857, they signed the Canonical Testimonial of Mr. JAMES S. JARRATT, applying to be admitted a candidate for Holy Orders.

And on the 7th April, 1857, they signed the Testimonial of Mr. DUDLEY D. SMITH, applying to be admitted a candidate for Holy Orders. Recommended Mr. CHARLES A. DEXY to the Bishop to be admitted to the Holy Order of Deacons; and the consent of the Committee was given to the election of the Rt. Rev. WM. INGRAHAM KIP, D. D., Missionary Bishop of California, to the office of Diocesan Bishop of California.

GEO. F. CUSHMAN, Secretary.

On motion, the Rules of Order were suspended, and the reading of the annual Address of the Bishop was postponed until immediately after Divine Service to-morrow.

On motion, the reading of the Parochial Reports was deferred until 9 o'clock to-morrow.

The Treasurer presented his annual accounts.

CONTINGENT FUND in account with HENRY A. TAYLOR, Treasurer.

| | | Dr. | Cr. |
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| 1856.—May 1. | By Balance..... | | \$ 11 89 |
| " 4. | " Amount received at Convention, (see abstract,)..... | | 129 52 |
| " " | " Church of the Holy Cross, Uniontown, \$7 20 | | |
| " " | " St. Peter's Church, Lowndes County, 4 00 | | |
| | Assessments of 1855, \$11 20 | | 11 20 |
| " 6. | To Cash paid Mobile Advertiser for printing notices of the meeting of the Convention, \$ 5 00 | \$ 5 00 | |
| " " | " Cash paid Mobile Register for the same.... 5 00 | 5 00 | |
| July 12. | " " Messrs. Farrow, Stokes & Dennett for printing and distributing journals, 188 85 | 188 85 | |
| " " | By Trinity Church, Mobile..... 12 00 | | 12 00 |
| Aug. 23. | " St. James' Church, Livingston..... 4 80 | | 4 80 |
| Sep. 1. | To Cash paid quota to the Treasurer of the General Convention..... 40 50 | 40 50 | |
| 1857.—May 1. | " Postage..... 40 | 40 | |
| | Balance..... | | 15 34 |
| | | \$184 75 | \$184 75 |
| 1857.—May 1. | To Balance..... | 15 34 | |

BISHOP'S FUND in account with HENRY A. TAYLOR, Treasurer.

| | Dr. | Cr. |
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| 1856.—May 1.—To Balance..... | \$ 85 | |
| “ 6.— “ Cash pd. Rt. Rev. N. H. Cobbs, D. D.. | 2250 00 | |
| “ 4.—By “ received at Convention, (see Abstract,)..... | | \$2208 60 |
| “ Communicant contribution, St. Andrew's Church, Macon..... | | 7 90 |
| Aug. 23.— “ St. James' Church, Livingston..... | | 35 20 |
| “ Balance..... | 85 | |
| | <u>\$2251 70</u> | <u>\$2251 70</u> |
| 1857.—May 1.—By Balance..... | 85 | |

Rt. Rev. N. H. COBBS, D. D.,

In account with the DIOCESE OF ALABAMA.

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| 1856.—May 1.—By Salary..... | \$2250 00 |
| “ 6.—To Cash..... | \$2250 00 |

On motion, referred to the Committee on Finance.

A Canon for the trial of Clergymen was presented, and on motion referred to the Committee on Canons.

On motion, the Canon recommended by the Committee on Canons at the last Convention, and laid over until this Convention, was referred to the Committee on Canons.

On motion, the Convention adjourned until 9 o'clock to-morrow.

**ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, MONTGOMERY, }
Friday, May 8th, 9 o'clock, A. M. }**

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment. The roll being called, the minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The Rev. F. R. HANSON, Rev. W. J. PERDUE, Rev. S. U. SMITH, Rev. W. A. STICKNEY and Rev. J. H. TICKNOR appeared and took their seats.

Mr. R. H. COBBS, Candidate for Orders, took a seat in Convention.

The Secretary asked leave to appoint an assistant. Granted.

Whereupon he appointed John L. COBBS Assistant Secretary.

Certificates of Election were presented from St. Wilfrid's Church, Marion; St. Paul's Church, Selma; St. Michael's Church, Marengo County; Christ Church, Tuscaloosa; St. Paul's Church, Greensboro'; St. John's Church, Mobile, and St. Peter's Church, Lowndes County, and referred to the Committee on Certificates of Election.

The Parochial Reports were then read.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, MONTGOMERY.—Rt. Rev. N. H. Cobbs, D. D., Rector.

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| Baptisms—White, adults, 4, infants, 19; Colored, 17,..... | Total, 40 |
| Confirmations—White,..... | 17 |
| Marriages—White, 4; Colored, 2,..... | Total, 6 |
| Burials,..... | 6 |
| Communicants—At last report,..... | 126 |
| Suspended, 1; Died, 4; Removed, 14; Present No.,..... | 133 |
| Colored,..... | 4 |
| Sunday Schools—Teachers,..... | 14 |
| Scholars, White, 80; Colored, 75,..... | Total, 155 |
| Library, vols.,..... | 400 |
| Communion administered,..... | 15 |
| Collections—Diocesan Missions,..... | \$ 75 00 |
| Domestic "..... | 110 50 |
| Foreign "..... | 50 00 |
| Nashotah,..... | 20 00 |
| Church Book Society..... | 20 00 |
| Widows' and Orphans' Society,..... | 25 00 |
| Alms,..... | 876 50 |
| Church purposes generally,..... | 342 70 |

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS, UNIONTOWN.—Rev. R. A. Cobbs, Rector.

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| Baptisms—White, infants,..... | 3 |
| Colored, infants,..... | 32 |
| Confirmations—White,..... | 1 |
| Marriages—White, 2; Colored, 2,..... | Total, 4 |
| Deaths—White, 2; Colored, 3,..... | " 5 |
| Communicants—White, present number,..... | 22 |
| Communion Administered,..... | 10 |
| Communion Offerings,..... | \$18 30 |
| Collections—Diocesan Missions,..... | 13 00 |
| Convocation Fund,..... | 15 00 |

Time spent in the Parish, in the performance of its regular duties, since last Convention, ten months.

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, CAHABA.—Rev. Geo. F. Cushman, Rector.

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| Baptisms—White, infants, 2, | Total, 2 |
| Colored, adults,..... | 1 |
| Marriages—White, | 2 |
| Deaths—White, 3; Colored, 1,..... | Total, 4 |
| Communicants—At the last report, 35; Removed 2; Present number,..... | 35 |
| Sunday Schools—Teachers,..... | 5 |
| Scholars, White,..... | 31 |
| Library Books,..... | 200 |
| Communion Administered,..... | 6 |
| Communion Offerings,..... | \$20 40 |
| Domestic Missions,..... | 8 50 |
| Foreign "..... | 9 00 |

Time spent in the Parish, in the performance of its regular duties, since last report, twelve months.

In addition to his duties at Cahaba, the Rector once each month spends a Sunday at County Line, preaching in the morning to a small white congregation, and in the evening to the servants. He has so recently entered upon this field, that he is unable to make any report of it, having performed no official acts, other than holding service the third Sunday in April.

TRINITY CHURCH, DEMOPOLIS.—Rev. F. R. HANSON, Rector.

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| Baptisms—White, infants, | 1 |
| Colored, infants, | 14 |
| Confirmations—White, | 3 |
| Marriages—White, 2; Colored, 1, | Total, 3 |
| Deaths—White, | 1 |
| Communicants—White, at the last report, 12; Died, 1; Removed, 1; Present No., | 14 |
| Sunday Schools—Teachers, 4; Scholars, White, | 30 |
| Communion Administered, | 5 |
| Communion Offerings, about, | \$16 00 |
| Collections—Diocesan Missions, | 12 25 |
| Time spent in the Parish, in the performance of its regular duties, since last report, twelve months. | |

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, MACON, MARENGO CO.—Rev. F. R. HANSON, Rector.

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| Marriages—White, | 2 |
| Deaths—White, infants, | 2 |
| Communicants—White, at the last report, 16; Removed, 1; Present number, ... | 19 |
| Communion administered, | 4 |
| Communion Offerings, | \$14 30 |

Time spent in the Parish, in the performance of its regular duties, since last report, twelve months.

The ladies of the Parish have ordered an Organ for the use of the Church, which will probably be received in a few months. Arrangements have been made to pay the debt of the Church, and it is now ready for consecration.

MOBILE, January 13, 1857.

RT. REV. AND DEAR SIR—

Three years after the organization of St. John's Parish in this city, I resigned it to the Vestry, who elected Rev. WM. PARKER SCOTT as my successor, who entered upon his parochial duties 1st Sunday after Epiphany. I beg leave to submit my report up to date:

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| Baptisms—Adults, 3; infants, 42, | Total, 45 |
| Marriages, | 6 |
| Deaths, | 25 |
| Collections—Domestic Missions, | \$10 00 |

J. H. INGRAHAM, late Rector.

CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY, HUNTSVILLE.—Rev. HENRY C. LAY, Rector.

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| Baptisms—White, adults, 2; infants, 10, | Total, 12 |
| Colored, infant, | 1 |
| Confirmations, | 11 |
| Marriages—White, 1; Colored, 4, | Total, 5 |
| Deaths—White, 13; Colored, 2, | " 15 |
| Communicants—Added, 11; Removed, 1; Colored, 1, | " 59 |
| Sunday Schools—Teachers, 8; Scholars, | 40 |
| Communion Alms, | \$180 05 |
| Collections—Weekly Offertory during Lent, | 224 60 |
| Children's Lenten Offerings, | 184 70 |
| Domestic Missions, | 123 00 |
| Foreign " | 55 00 |
| Miscellaneous, | 125 00 |

Time spent in the Parish, in the regular performance of its duties, since last report, eleven months.

Divine service held five or six times each week.

The energies of the congregation are warmly enlisted in the erection of a new Church, which they hope to occupy before the meeting of another Convention.

CHRIST CHURCH, MOBILE.—Rev. B. B. LEACOCK, Rector.

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| Baptisms—White, adults, 1; infants, 25,..... | Total, 26 |
| Confirmations—White, | 19 |
| Marriages, | 11 |
| Deaths, | 14 |
| Communicants—At last report, 205; Died, 2; Removed, 10; Present number,... | 223 |
| Sunday Schools—Teachers, 19; Scholars, White, 99; Colored, 15,..... | Total, 114 |
| Library Books, | 300 |
| Communion Administered, | 14 |
| Communion Offerings, | \$653 29 |
| Collections—Diocesan Missions, | 211 85 |
| Domestic " | 187 65 |
| Foreign " | 284 8.. |
| Church of the Good Shepherd, | 590 00 |
| Church purposes generally, | 164 90 |

Time spent in the Parish, in the performance of its regular duties, since last report, nine months.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, CARLOWVILLE.—Rev. F. BREKMAN LEE, Rector.

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| Baptisms—White, adults, 1; infants, 7,..... | Total, 8 |
| Colored, infants, | 8 |
| Confirmations—White, | 2 |
| Communicants—White, added, 1; removed 1; present number, | 43 |
| Colored, added, 2; present number, | 6 |
| Sunday Schools—Teachers, 5; Scholars, white, 20, colored, 15, | Total, 55 |
| Library Books, | 150 |
| Communion Administered, | 20 |
| Communion Offerings, | \$25 00 |
| Collections, | 27 00 |

Divine service celebrated Sabbaths, Wednesdays, and the principal Festivals and Fast days.

These statistics embrace services conducted and Sacraments administered at my home Parish, and the Sectional Line. My connection with the latter terminated with the close of last year.

About the middle of March, I entered upon an engagement to render two services per month, in St. Mary's Parish, Camden, Wilcox county. I consider the prospect for the Church in this place a very encouraging one, even under the disadvantage of interrupted services. There is here a very large proportion of population unattached to any religious body, and the Christian community is so much divided as to be disabled for sustaining even semi-monthly services for each denomination. I have reason to believe that the general feeling towards the Church is a kindly one. Some prejudice is to be found here, as everywhere else, among the ignorant and illiberal; but it will pass away upon a better acquaintance with the Church's economy, and a greater familiarity with her mode of worship. The attendance upon my ministrations has thus far been large, a circumstance which I attributed to curiosity and a love of novelty. I am informed, however, that it was ordinarily so during the engagement of my predecessor, the Rev. J. J. NICHOLSON.

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, JACKSONVILLE.—Rev. T. A. MORRIS, Rector.

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| Baptisms—White, infants, | 6 |
| Confirmations, | 6 |
| Deaths—White, 2; Colored 1, | Total, 3 |
| Communicants—White, at last report, 23; Died, 1; Removed, 1; Not to be found, 3; Present number, | 23 |
| Sunday Schools—Teachers, 6; Scholars, | 30 |
| Library Books, | 225 |
| Communion Administered, | 6 |
| Communion Offerings, | \$15 25 |
| Collections—Domestic Missions, | 20 00 |

Time spent in the Parish, five months.

With grateful satisfaction we also report the completion and consecration of a chaste and beautiful Church, at a cost of \$2,200, including furniture.

The principles of architecture, according to Upjohn's plan, have been strictly carried out, and this, we believe, is the reason why the edifice is so much admired for its harmonious order, and its simple elegance and unpretending beauty.

A subscription has been started, and one thousand dollars raised, to build a Church in Ashville, St. Clair County. Here are four communicants, and three candidates for confirmation.

Bellefonte and Guntersville are about to be supplied with a Missionary. They have been without the services of the Church during the past year. After several removals and deaths, there are remaining at the two places twelve communicants.

ASHVILLE, ST. CLAIR COUNTY.

Communicants—White,4

BELLEFONTE AND GUNTERSVILLE.

Communicants—White,12

TRINITY CHURCH, MOBILE.—Rev. J. A. MASSEY, Rector.

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| Baptisms—White, adults, 3; infants, 42,..... | Total, 45 |
| Colored, " 1; " 5,..... | " 6 |
| Confirmations—White,..... | 23 |
| Marriages—White, 16; Colored, 1,..... | Total, 17 |
| Deaths—White, 52; Colored, 4,..... | " 56 |
| Communicants—At last report, 190; Present number,..... | 193 |
| Sunday Schools—Teachers, 12; Scholars,..... | 99 |
| Library Books,..... | 125 |
| Communion Administered,..... | 16 |
| Communion Offerings,..... | \$190 60 |
| Collections—For Church of the Good Shepherd,..... | 26 00 |
| Domestic Missions,..... | 36 00 |
| Foreign "..... | 56 00 |

Time spent in the Parish, in the performance of its regular duties, since last Report, twelve months.

ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH, MARENGO COUNTY.—Rev. A. MENEOS, Rector.

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| Confirmations—White,..... | 2 |
| Marriages—White, 1; Colored, 6,..... | Total, 7 |
| Deaths—Colored,..... | 1 |
| Communicants—White, at last report, 21; Removed, 2; Present number,..... | 21 |
| Communion Administered,..... | 4 |
| Collections—Diocesan Missions,..... | \$21 10 |
| Domestic "..... | 31 50 |
| For Church purposes in general,..... | 8 50 |

Time spent in the Parish, in the performance of its regular duties, since last report, eleven and a half months.

I celebrated divine service and preached one Sunday at St. John's, in the Prairies, at the request of the Church at that Parish. I baptised in the same place an infant of a valued personal friend.

During the absence of the Rector of Demopolis, at the General Convention, I married a couple in that place. I am under obligation to the Rev. Messrs. F. R. HANSON, R. A. COBBS, and WM. A. STICKNEY, who, at great inconvenience to themselves, came and administered the Communion at St. Michael's.

SPRING HILL INSTITUTE AND MISSION.

The Institute numbers upwards of 40 Boarding and Day Pupils. Teachers, 4. Its Sunday School numbers about 15 Pupils.

We have every facility for imparting to young ladies a thorough and refined education.

The Mission is doing as well as could be expected, considering that the families here are connected pastorally in the city. We hope, however, ere long, to organize. Divine Service is held regularly every Sunday, and on the High Festivals, in the Church edifice, which was kindly placed at my disposal till May.

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| Baptisms—Colored..... | 1 |
| Communicants—(Members of my own family,)..... | 3 |
| We have generally at Communion, white and colored, about..... | 8 |
| Offerings devoted to General Domestic Missions,..... | \$5 |

JOS. J. NICHOLSON, Missionary.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, CAMDEN, WILCOX COUNTY.

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| Baptisms—White, adults, 1; infants, 2,..... | Total, 3 |
| Communicants, about..... | 10 |
| Sunday Schools—Teachers, 2; Catechumens,..... | 15 |
| Offerings, about..... | \$23 00 |
| Devoted to Books for Sunday School,..... | 28 00 |

Finding that I could not be supported at Camden, on being invited to the charge of the Spring Hill Institute, with your advice and consent I accepted the latter position. Camden is a fine Missionary field for a single man.

JOS. J. NICHOLSON.

ST. JOHN'S FREE CHURCH, MOBILE.

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| Baptisms—Since I took charge temporarily, infants,..... | 5 |
| Confirmed,..... | 2 |
| Burials..... | 1 |
| Communicants—No revised list; added,..... | 2 |
| Collections—For support of the Church,..... | \$82 15 |
| Alms—(\$6 75 collected in Sunday School,)..... | 15 00 |

Devoted as follows: to S. School Books, \$7.50, to S. School Union, \$7.50.

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| African Missions,..... | 10 00 |
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On the resignation of the Rev. Mr. Scott, the Vestry invited me to the temporary Rectorship. My engagements were multiform and laborious, but I deemed it best to do what I could to hold the congregation together. The Rev. Mr. STICKNEY has kindly assisted me during the week. Services were held every day in Lent, and there was a Lecture on Friday afternoons. The congregation doubtless feel the need of a resident Rector, and the prosperity of the Parish will be greatly augmented by the speedy filling of the Rectorship. My report covers only two months, from 1st March to 1st May. No attempt has been made to make a report for the year.

This is a deeply interesting and important Parish, and I trust it may be speedily supplied with a right-minded, zealous, and faithful Pastor.

JOS. J. NICHOLSON, Rector pro tem.

CHRIST CHURCH, TUSCALOOSA.—Rev. R. D. NEVINS, Rector.

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| Baptisms—White, infants, 4; Colored, adults, 4; infants, 3,..... | Total, 11 |
| Confirmations—White, 9; Colored, 2,..... | " 11 |
| Marriages—White, 3; Colored, 1,..... | " 4 |
| Deaths—White, 3; Colored, 2,..... | " 5 |
| Communicants—White, at last report, 57; Removed, 1; Added, 7; Present No., 63 | |
| Colored, at last report, 8; Added, 2; Present number,..... | 10 |
| Sunday Schools—Teachers, 5; Scholars, white,..... | 25 |
| Communion administered,..... | 13 |
| Communion offerings,..... | \$60 00 |
| Collections—Domestic Missions,..... | 40 00 |
| Foreign "..... | 25 00 |
| Ch. Bk. Soc.,..... | 10 00 |

Time spent in Parish, twelve months.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, LOWNDES COUNTY.—Rev. W. J. PERDUE, Rector.

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| Baptisms—White, infants, 4 ; Colored, adults, 3,..... | Total, 7 |
| Confirmed, | 3 |
| Funerals,..... | 3 |
| Communicants—Added, 3 ; Present number,..... | 12 |
| Contributions—For the P. E. S. School Union and Book Society,..... | \$13 00 |

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, LOWNDESBOROUGH.—Rev. W. J. PERDUE, Rector.

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|-----------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| Communicants—Added, 2 ; Removed, 1 ; Present number,..... | 14 |
| Confirmed, (one in Charleston, S. C.),..... | 2 |
| Marriage, | 1 |
| Contributions—Domestic Missions,..... | \$15 00 |

REPORT OF THE REV. JOHN M. ROBERTSON.

The undersigned respectfully reports, that during the past year he has officiated steadily at the points belonging to his mission, and occasionally in the Church of the Nativity. He has conducted Divine Service on 63 occasions, and thankfully acknowledges that he has met with encouragements in his work.

The statistics are as follows:

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, MADISON COUNTY.

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| Baptisms—White, adults, 4 ; infants, 4 ; colored, 1,..... | Total, 9 |
| Funerals—White, 3 ; colored, 1,..... | " 4 |
| Confirmations,..... | 4 |
| Communicants—Added, 5 ; died, 1 ; whole number,..... | 9 |

ST. MARK'S CHURCH, MADISON COUNTY.

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| Baptisms—White, adults, 2 ; infants, 5,..... | Total, 7 |
| Marriage, | 1 |
| Funeral, | 1 |
| Confirmed,..... | 4 |
| Communicants—Added, 6 ; died, 2 ; whole number,..... | 10 |

SAINT LOUIS, Mo., April 24, 1857.

RIGHT REV. SIR AND DEAR BISHOP—

Having just returned from a visit to Kansas, I hasten to send you a brief report of my labors since the last meeting of the Convention. It was my endeavor to be with you and my Rev. brethren at this coming Convention, but having rather protracted my stay in Kansas, beyond previous expectation, I fear it will not be in my power to get ready here in time to be with you on the first Thursday in May.

About the close of last June, I gave up my charge in Jacksonville, and came on to St. Louis, where I have been mostly engaged in the work of the Ministry. On the 23d March, I set out to visit Kansas, in order to ascertain what the Church's prospects would be in the far West, and I have since concluded to plant the Cross at Atchison, K. T., give that promising city the benefits of regular Church services, and also establish an institution for the education of young ladies. I was received everywhere with marked cordiality, and feel confident that our Holy Faith will take deep and lasting root in that section. We already number a few Churchmen at Atchison, whilst others, non-professors of any creed, prefer the Church of our love to any other religious system around.

My successor in Jacksonville will be able, from the Parish Record, to give a full statement of my ministerial acts up to the time of my leaving the Parish.

Since then, I baptised 7 infants in Missouri, and 1 in Kansas. I performed 4 marriages, 3 in Missouri, and 1 in Quincy, Ill., and I buried 2 persons in Missouri.

Besides these functions, I have preached about 60 sermons, celebrated the Holy Communion 5 times, and otherwise assisted in the services of the Church.

I trust and pray that God's special grace may abound in the next session of the Convention ; and although providentially hindered from sharing the pleasure of my

Rev. brethren's united counsel, yet would I assure them of my prayers on that day of meeting particularly.

I am, and remain, my dear Bishop,

Very faithfully yours, in Christ and His Church,

L. R. STAUDENMAYER.

ST. MARK'S CHURCH, IN THE FORK, GREENE CO.—Rev. S. U. SMITH, Rector.

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| Baptisms—White, infants..... | 1 |
| Marriages—Colored,..... | 2 |
| Burials—Colored,..... | 1 |
| Communicants—Died, 1; Added by removal to the Parish, 5; present number,.. | 14 |
| Communion administered,..... | 4 |
| Communion Offerings,..... | \$15 15 |
| Collections—Domestic Missions,..... | 2 00 |
| S. S. Union,..... | 2 00 |

Time spent in the Parish, twelve months.

Service was held the second and fourth Sundays in each month, to about the middle of October, when it was suspended for the workmen to plaster the Church. After the completion of the work, the cold winter and muddy roads caused the attendance of the congregation to be very irregular, and the usual service was not held until the opening of Spring.

The Parish acknowledges the donation of a Bible and Prayer Book from a house in this place; also a very handsomely bound Bible from a gentleman in the Fork of Greene.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, LIVINGSTON.—Rev. S. U. SMITH, Rector.

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| Baptisms—White, infants,..... | 1 |
| Marriages—White, 1; colored, 1,..... | Total, 2 |
| Burials—White, adults,..... | 2 |
| Communicants, 21; residing in Sumter and Choctaw Counties, 24,..... | Total, 45 |
| Communion administered,..... | 8 |
| Communion Offerings,..... | \$13 45 |
| Collections—From a friend of Domestic and Foreign Missions,..... | 5 00 |

Service has been held on the first and third Sundays, since the first Sunday in last August.

MOBILE, May 1, 1857.

RT. REV. FATHER IN GOD—

As Missionary at Auburn, Talasee, and adjoining stations, under your appointment, and prior to my removal to my present field of labor, the following report is respectfully submitted:

My labors were continued at five different stations, up to October last. This number, however, proved too many to permit of services frequent enough, in a few months, to make much impression.

At Auburn, some little interest was manifested in the completion of the Church there, and about \$80 expended in repairs, the erection of a steeple, and painting, together with the purchase of materials. This amount, however, was raised chiefly from abroad, and is thus gratefully acknowledged.

TRINITY CHURCH, AUBURN.

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| Baptisms—White, infants,..... | 2 |
| Communicants—Last report, 7; removed, 3; present number,..... | 8 |

With the above, regular services were continued semi-monthly at St. John's in the Wilderness, and upon an adjoining plantation. In this latter, the faithful instructions of a devoted mistress, in her persevering catechetical training, and reading of Holy Scripture—combined with the preaching of God's Word—seemed instrumental in happy results.

ST. JOHN'S IN THE WILDERNESS.

Baptisms—Colored, adults, 22; infants, 3,.....Total, 25
 Communicants—White, 1; colored, 30,..... " 31

Time spent in the discharge of the above duties, since last report, five months.
 The remainder of the year has been devoted as set forth in other reports.

Faithfully, your Son in Christ,

GEO. W. STICKNEY.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, MOBILE.—Rev. GEO. W. STICKNEY, Rector.

Baptisms—White, adults, 3; infants, 3,.....Total, 6
 Confirmations—White,5
 Marriages,.....3
 Deaths,2
 Communicants—Present number,.....7
 Sunday School—Teachers, 7; Scholars, White, 25; Colored, 5,.....Total, 30
 Communion Administered, 4; in private, 1,..... " 5
 Communion Offerings,.....\$18 95
 Collections—Domestic Missions,..... 3 00

Time spent in the Parish, in the performance of its regular duties, since last report, six months.

Considerable interest has already been manifested in the permanence of this Parish, though of recent organization. The building in use, erected many years since for purposes of education and worship, is church-like in its appearance, and is suitably commodious. It, together with its adjoining lands, was secured to the Diocese some time since, through the efforts of a Layman of the Church.

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD, MOBILE.—Rev. G. W. STICKNEY, Miss'ry.

Baptisms—Colored, adults, 6; infants, 11,.....Total, 17
 Confirmations—Colored,6
 Marriages—Colored,.....5
 Burials—Colored, adults, 2, infants 1,.....Total, 3
 Communicants—Last report, 20; died, 1; removed, 2; Present number,.....30
 Sunday School—Teachers, 6; Scholars, Colored,.....25
 Communion Administered,.....7
 Communion Offerings,.....\$27 45
 Collections—Domestic Missions,..... 2 00
 Foreign " 5 00
 Church purposes generally,..... 2 30

Time spent in the Parish, in the performance of its regular duties, since last report, seven months.

The re-appointment to the charge of this mission was accepted, after my elevation to the Holy Office of Priesthood, in October last, since which time, additional improvements towards the completion of the Church edifice have been made, at an expense of \$170, appropriated by the ladies of "Christ Church Sewing Society."

The debt upon the lot and building has also been reduced \$556 75, by a contribution from the "Little Girls' Sewing Society, for the Benefit of the Church of the Good Shepherd," and by \$270, raised by a Committee of Ladies.

Towards the support of the Minister, acknowledgment is made of \$26 from Trinity Church, \$100 from Christ Church, and \$315 from contributions.

ST. WILFRID'S CHURCH, MARION.—Rev. W. A. STICKNEY, Rector.

Baptisms—White, adults, 4; infants, 11; colored, adult, 1,.....Total, 16
 Confirmations—White, 13; colored, 1,..... " 14
 Marriages—White, 1; colored, 1,..... " 2
 Deaths—White, 4; colored, 2,..... " 6
 Communicants—White, at last report, 45; removed, 6; died, 2; present number, 54
 Colored, at last report, 2; present number,.....3
 Sunday Schools—Scholars, white,.....54

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| Communion Administered,..... | 22 |
| Collections—Domestic Missions,..... | \$14 65 |
| Foreign “..... | 22 80 |
| Christmas offerings to Episcopal Fund,..... | 9 15 |
| Other purposes,..... | 56 83 |

Time spent in the Parish, since last report, twelve months.

Instructing the colored children was dispensed with necessarily, and has not yet been regularly resumed. The order of services remains the same as at last report. The Chapel has been provided with a Baptismal Font of capacious dimensions.

The School not altered since last report; limit, as heretofore, exceeded—8 assistant Teachers. Arrangements have been made for enlarging; to establish, in connection with the present school, a Collegiate Department, or High School, for the boys, as they advance sufficiently for promotion. The larger and small boys will thus be separated hereafter. For this purpose, a farm of some hundred and fifty acres, privately and desirably located, a mile from the present school, has been purchased, as private property. At next Trinity Term, (Fall,) it is hoped there may be readiness for an increase of Pupils.

Since last September, we have had the advantages of a Female Church School, conducted in such manner and on such principles, as to give happy promises of success. Lots have been secured and held, as private property, for establishing this School on solid basis, so soon as ability enables.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, SELMA.—REV. J. H. TICKNOR, Rector.

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| Baptisms—White, adult, 1; infants, 4; colored, adult, 1; infant, 1,..... | Total, 7 |
| Confirmations,..... | 8 |
| Marriage,..... | 1 |
| Burials—White, 7; Colored, 2,..... | Total, 9 |
| Communicants—Died, 1; removed, 4; added, 12,..... | “ 41 |
| Communion administered,..... | 12 |
| “ “ in private,..... | 1 |
| Collections—Communion,..... | \$74 20 |
| Domestic Missions,..... | 15 00 |
| Widows' and Orphans' Society,..... | 5 00 |

Divine Services.....181

In addition to the collections reported above, it is proper to state that a considerable debt has been extinguished; that the Ladies' Sewing Society has accumulated something more than \$300; that a very respectable subscription towards building a rectory is already obtained; and that, by the generosity of a friend of the Church, the land for that purpose is ready so soon as the means for building are secured.

This Parish, for more than eighteen months, has struggled against unusually depressing and discouraging circumstances. We have labored to “strengthen the things that remained.” We believe that the “prayers and alms” of the faithful few “have come up as a memorial before God;” and that our “labors have not been altogether in vain in the Lord.”

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, GREENSBORO'.—REV. J. M. BANISTER, Rector.

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| Baptisms—White, adults, 1; infants, 4,..... | Total, 5 |
| Marriages—White,..... | 1 |
| Deaths—White, 1; colored, 2,..... | Total, 3 |
| Communicants—Added, 6; removed, 1; present number,..... | 60 |
| Confirmations—White,..... | 3 |
| Sunday School Teachers,..... | 5 |
| Communion administered, about,..... | 10 |
| Communion offerings,..... | \$79 51 |
| Collections—Diocesan Missions,..... | 25 00 |
| Domestic “..... | 50 00 |
| Foreign “..... | 50 00 |
| Breck's Indian Mission,..... | 50 00 |
| Church purposes generally,..... | 130 00 |

Time spent in the Parish since the last report, about twelve months.

The Committee on Certificates of Election made the following report :

St. Wilfrid's Church, Marion.—J. D. Phelan, Robert T. Jones, Leonidas Walthall, J. J. Seawell.

St. Paul's Church, Selma.—A. G. Mabry, A. L. Haden, John Mitchell, A. W. Spaight.

St. Michael's Church, Marengo County.—David Minge, R. C. Dubose, Thos. A. Harrison, Geo. W. H. Minge.

Christ Church, Tuscaloosa.—J. M. Van Hoose, E. W. Peck, John L. Cobbs, A. S. Nicholson.

St. Paul's Church, Greensboro'.—Isaac Croom, Robert B. Waller, C. L. Stickney, Sydenham Moore, A. Benners.

St. John's Church, Mobile.—Emanuel Jones, David Cumming, Daniel Harris, F. E. Gordon.

St. Peter's Church, Lowndes County.—John P. Broun.

The Committee upon Certificates of Election of Lay Delegates have examined the above, and find them to be correct.

F. B. LEE, Chairman.

Their names were called, and the following Delegates appeared and took their seats :

Messrs. J. D. PHELAN,
" R. T. JONES,
" J. J. SEAWELL,

Messrs. JOHN L. COBBS,
" C. L. STICKNEY,
" JOHN P. BROUN.

The following resolution was presented :

Resolved, That the next annual Convention be held in the Church of the Nativity, in Huntsville, on the Thursday after the first Thursday in May, 1858.

Laid on the table until to-morrow.

The following resolution was presented :

Resolved, That the Parishes of this Diocese be required to take up annually a collection on Easter Sunday, or on some other Sunday, to defray the expenses of the Clerical Deputies to the Convention.

That the Church Wardens, or other persons who may receive the collections, shall pay the same over to the Treasurer of the Convention, on or before the day of its subsequent session.

That from the said fund the Treasurer shall pay the necessary expenses incurred by the Clerical Deputies of the Convention, in attendance on the same, or if the fund should be insufficient for the whole of their expenses, then the fund shall be equally divided among them, in proportion to the actual expenses incurred by each.

That the Minister or Church Wardens shall report in the Parochial Report to the Convention the amount of collection received.

Notice was given that an amendment would be offered to the resolution respecting the place of holding the next Convention, by striking out "Huntsville," and inserting "Selma."

The hour having arrived for Divine Service, on motion, the Convention took a recess.

After Divine Service, the Convention was called to order by the President.

The Bishop then read his Annual Address and Pastoral Letter :

BISHOP'S ADDRESS.

In meeting again with the members of the Church in our annual Convention, I would return my humble thanks to ALMIGHTY GOD, for His kind preservation of me during the past year, and for my restoration, through His mercy, to a more than ordinary degree of health and of strength. And I would here express my heartfelt sense of obligation to those kind and generous friends who furnished me with means to go abroad, and who thus efficiently contributed to recruit my broken-down and wasted constitution.

I shall ever remember, with feelings of the most grateful sensibility, that by the liberality of those friends, I was enabled to enjoy the high privilege of visiting that noble land from which we have derived our language, our laws, our domestic and social habits, our religion, and our Church.

May, 1856.—I attended the Annual Diocesan Convention which assembled in Trinity Church, Mobile.

The Convention was a most harmonious one, and one very gratifying to my feelings, because of the expressions of kindness and confidence manifested towards me on the part of the members of the Convention. During this visit to Mobile, I confirmed 11 in Christ Church, 6 in Trinity Church, and 41 in St. John's.

June, July and August.—I was absent from the Diocese.

September.—Visited Huntsville—preached a number of times—confirmed ten persons, and baptised two infants. I was gratified to learn that a new and much larger Church was to be erected in this Parish.

September.—Consecrated "St. John's Chapel," in Madison County. This is a small, plain building, erected mainly by the efforts of a devoted and zealous daughter of the Church.

At the same time and place, I confirmed four persons. On the following day, I preached in "St. Mark's Chapel," confirmed three persons, and baptised four children.

The Rev. Mr. Robertson is officiating at these two stations, faithfully, and acceptably to the people.

September.—Visited Florence, preached, and confirmed two persons. I found the Missionary, the Rev. Mr. White, earnest in his work, and evidently giving an impulse to the Church.

September.—Visited Tuscumbia, preached, and confirmed one person, and baptised an infant. At the time of my visit, this Parish was vacant, but it is now supplied by the Rev. Mr. Thomas, of whose labors I hear a very gratifying account.

September.—Ordained to the Priesthood Rev. G. W. Stickney, in St. John's Church, Montgomery. The Sermon was preached by the Rev. Mr. Hawks, of Georgia, who also presented the candidate.

October.—During this month, I was absent from the Diocese, in attendance upon the General Convention which sat in Philadelphia. Of the deliberations and acts of that body, I will only say, that they were marked by a fraternal and christian

spirit, and I am persuaded that each member of that Convention returned home with increased feelings of kindness for his brethren, and with a higher appreciation of the claims and blessings of the Church. On my way home, I spent a Sunday in Petersburg, Va., enjoying the delightful privilege of intercourse with my former parishioners, who showed that they still had the same warm and generous hearts as when I resided in the midst of them.

December, 2d Sunday.—Visited Tuscaloosa, confirmed 10 white and 2 colored persons. I was much gratified to find this Parish in a flourishing condition.

December, 3d Sunday.—Visited Greensboro', and confirmed three persons. I hope ere long to see the present Church enlarged, or a new one erected.

1st Sunday in January, 1857.—Visited Jacksonville; preached a number of times, confirmed six persons, and baptised one infant. I also consecrated the new Church of St. Luke's. This is a most beautiful Church, and reflects great credit on the zeal and taste and liberality of the little band of Churchmen in Jacksonville.

February.—Visited Lowndesboro', preached, and confirmed one person. Here we have a new and beautiful Church, which I expect to consecrate in a few days. The prospect for the Church in Lowndesboro' is more encouraging than I have ever known it.

1st Sunday in March.—Preached at St. Peter's, Lowndes; baptised one child, and confirmed three colored persons. Besides preaching at St. Peter's, the Rev. Mr. Perdue officiates occasionally in the neighboring town of Benton, where we hope, ere long, to see a Church erected.

March 5th.—Visited Camden, consecrated the new Church, and confirmed one person. Here there is a very favorable opening for the Church.

March 7th.—Preached at a place called County Line, in Dallas County, and confirmed one person. Here are good materials for the establishment of a Parish.

2d Sunday in March.—Preached at Carlowville, and confirmed one person.

3d Sunday in Lent.—Confirmed four persons in St. John's, Montgomery, four others having been confirmed previously, in the same Church.

4th Sunday in Lent.—Preached in the morning at St. John's Church, Mobile, and confirmed two persons. I was sorry to find this Church vacant, by the resignation of its late indefatigable and faithful Rector, the Rev. Mr. Ingraham. In the afternoon of the same day, I attended a Missionary meeting in Trinity Church, Mobile, and delivered an address, and at night preached in Christ Church, Mobile.

March 25th.—Preached in St. Mary's Chapel, Summerville, and confirmed three persons, and afterwards in St. John's Church, Mobile, confirmed two others, belonging to St. Mary's Chapel, and also one belonging to the Good Shepherd. Here the Rev. Mr. Stickney has a good prospect of forming and building up a Parish.

March 28th.—Preached at Spring Hill. This is a Missionary Station, at which the Rev. Mr. Nicholson officiates, and where I hope, ere long, to see an independent Parish.

5th Sunday in Lent.—Preached in the morning in Trinity Church, Mobile, and confirmed fourteen persons. Besides these, three others had been confirmed a few days before, in the same Church. In the afternoon, I preached in the Church of the Good Shepherd, and confirmed five colored persons. At night, I preached in Christ Church, and confirmed eight persons.

Sunday before Easter.—Preached in the morning in Cahaba. In the afternoon, rode to Selma, preached, and confirmed three persons.

April 7th.—Preached twice in Marion, and confirmed fourteen persons, of whom one was a colored person. I found the most excellent school of the Rector in a very flourishing condition, and eminently worthy of the patronage it has obtained. I was gratified to learn that a Female School had also been established in Marion, to be conducted strictly on Church principles. May the Lord abundantly bless both Schools.

April 9th.—Preached in St. John's in the Prairies. Here we have no regular services, and the building is in a very dilapidated condition. But there are abundant means and materials for the re-establishment of this old Parish, if suitable efforts were made.

Good Friday.—Preached in Greensborough.

Easter Sunday.—Preached in St. Stephen's, Eutaw. At the time of my visit, we had no regular services of a clergyman, but Mr. Derby, who has since been ordained a Deacon, will devote one half of his time to Eutaw. It was my purpose to go from Eutaw to St. Mark's, in the Fork of Greene, but I was prevented by the unwonted inclemency of the weather.

April 14.—Preached twice in Gainesville, and baptised two adults and one infant. There is now a good opening for the Church in Gainesville.

April 15th and 16th.—Preached twice in St. James', in Livingston.

1st. Sunday after Easter.—Preached in Demopolis, administered the Communion, and confirmed three persons. In the afternoon of the same day, rode to Prairieville and preached.

April 20.—Preached in St. Michael's and confirmed two persons.

April 21.—Preached in Dayton, and baptised two infants. Here a Church could be built, if suitable efforts were made.

April 22d and 23d.—Preached in Woodville, and admitted Chas. H. Derby to the Order of Deacons. The candidate was presented by the Rev. R. A. Cobbs.

April 24.—Preached in St. David's, and baptised an infant.

2d Sunday after Easter.—Confirmed nine persons in St. John's, Montgomery.

It will be seen, that since the last Convention I have been enabled, by the good providence of God, to visit almost all of the organized Parishes in the Diocese. I hope to visit the three or four that remain in the course of a few weeks.

The changes that have occurred among the Clergy, are as follows: The Rev. Wm. Johnson has been transferred to the Diocese of South Carolina. The Rev. W. J. Ellis to Kansas Territory. The Rev. W. F. Davidson to the Diocese of Pennsylvania. The Rev. L. R. Staudenmayer has resigned the Church at Jacksonville, and the Rev. J. H. Ingraham has resigned St. John's Church, Mobile. There are four Candidates for Holy Orders belonging to the Diocese, viz: W. T. Walthall, R. H. Cobbs, James S. Jarratt, and Dudley D. Smith.

In looking over the State of Alabama, we behold a wide and inviting field unoccupied by the Church. In viewing the prospect, the inquiry often arises in my mind, how shall the Church be carried into these fields, and be permanently built up?

After much reflection, I am well satisfied that the best mode of introducing and establishing the Church in new localities, is by combining the office of Teaching with the work of the Ministry. This, I know, is to impose upon the Ministry a hard and a laborious task; but under present circumstances, the Church cannot be extended and built up, without encountering hardships and self-denial. There are fifty places in the Diocese in which Parishes could be formed, and congregations collected, and

Churches built, if young men could be found, qualified and willing, to add to the work of the Ministry the labor and the drudgery of Teaching.

In our efforts at home, as well as our missions abroad, it will be found that the teaching of the young will be the most effectual means of the Missionary's influence, in his efforts to introduce and extend the Gospel and the Church.

I would call the attention of the Convention to the importance of establishing a Female Episcopal School in the Diocese. There is a very great want of such an Institution, and there is now a very favorable opening for its successful establishment. If energetic measures were adopted, I am quite sure that adequate funds could be readily obtained, and that a Female Seminary could be established which would be a great comfort to christian parents, anxious about the religious education of their daughters, and one that would greatly promote the growth and permanent prosperity of the Church.

I would commend this subject of a Female Episcopal Seminary to the serious consideration of the Convention, and would hope that prompt and efficient measures may be taken in reference to it.

I would also bring to the notice of the Convention the plan for establishing a Southern University, to be conducted under the auspices of the Church. The general outlines of the plan may be found in the Address of the Southern Bishops, which has been extensively circulated, and to which I would refer you for further particulars. The object of the proposed University, is to afford a thorough education under the sanctions of the Church, in a locality convenient of access to our Southern youth. It is proposed that Trustees should be elected by each of the Southern Dioceses, to meet the Bishops in conference, about the 4th of July, to take final measures for locating and establishing the contemplated University. I trust that this proposition of the Bishops will meet the cordial approbation of the Convention, and that Trustees will be appointed at this Convention, to meet the Bishops and Trustees of the other Dioceses at the time and place that may be designated.

I would also bring to the notice of the Convention, the claims of the Diocesan Missionary Society, with the hope that some measures may be adopted to interest the Diocese more generally in its operations, and to render it more efficient. If sufficient funds could be obtained, it would be very desirable to employ a general itinerating Missionary to visit the destitute places throughout the Diocese; to find out and call upon the Episcopal families; to baptise their children, and to extend to them the nursing care and sympathies of the Church. In this way, many families might be saved to the Church that will otherwise be drawn away from her fold. In addition to a general itinerating Missionary, it would be of great benefit if a lay agent could be employed for the purpose of selling Church books, distributing tracts and pamphlets, and obtaining subscriptions to our Church periodicals. And yet, in urging the claims of Domestic Missions, I would by no means wish to be understood as undervaluing the cause of Foreign Missions. It will be a sad day for the Church when she ceases to feel an interest, and to put forth efforts in behalf of Foreign Missions. The field is the world, and it is the command of Christ himself—go into all the world, &c. So far from withholding from Foreign Missions, I would rejoice to see a tenfold increase of the amount given by this Diocese to that cause. It is a great mistake to suppose that the cause of Domestic Missions is weakened by contributions to Foreign Missions, for it will be found that those congregations most interested in Foreign Missions, are the most liberal in supporting Domestic Missions.

N. H. COBBS.

The following resolution was presented, and on motion, adopted :

Resolved, That so much of the Bishop's Address as relates to a proposed University, and to a Diocesan Female School, be referred to a select Committee, and that the remainder thereof, with the Parochial Report be referred to the Committee on the State of the Church.

The Rev. Messrs. J. M. BANISTER and F. R. HANSON, of the Clergy, and Messrs. POLLARD, ELLERBE and BELL, were appointed said Committee.

The Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Diocesan Missionary Society made the following report, accompanied with the report of its Treasurer :

REPORT OF THE DIOCESAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The undersigned, as Chairman of the Missionary Society of the Diocese, would report, that during the past year the following Clergymen have been assisted by funds of the Society, viz: the Rev. W. J. Perdue, officiating in Lowndes county; Rev. J. J. Nicholson, officiating in Spring Hill, near Mobile; and the Rev. W. F. Davidson, officiating at Elyton and Montevallo. The Rev. Mr. Davidson having removed from the Diocese, is now preaching in Philadelphia. The Rev. Mr. Ramadell has recently been Missionary to Gunter'sville, and the adjacent country. The state of funds belonging to the Society may be seen by a reference to the Treasurer's report.

N. H. COBBS, Chairman.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF DIOCESAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

THOMAS W. MCCOY, *Treasurer*,

In account with DIOCESAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF ALABAMA

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| May 1— | To balance, per report to Convention, | \$270 | |
| " " " | Cash received of H. A. Tayloe, Esq., Collection St. Andrew's, Macon, | 8 50 | |
| " 3— | " " " of Rev. Mr. Lay, Collection Union-town Parish, | 11 75 | |
| " 14— | " " " Rev. Mr. Massey, Coll. Trinity Ch., | 38 30 | |
| Dec. 11— | " " " " " Leacock, Coll. Christ Ch., Mobile, | 30 00 | |
| " 27— | " " " Rev. Mr. Leacock, Coll. Christ Ch., Mobile, | 81 85 | |
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| Feb. 3— | " " " Coll. St. Michael's Ch., Marengo co., | 15 00 | |
| " 6— | " " " Bishop Cobbs', Coll. Rev. J. H. Ingraham, | 10 00 | |
| M'ch 25— | " " " Bishop Cobbs, a Token from three young ladies of Dallas county, | 25 00 | |
| Apl. 13— | " " " Rev. Mr. Leacock, Collection, Easter, Christ Church, Mobile, | 100 00 | |
| " 19— | " " " Rev. Mr. Mitchell, Coll. St. John's, Montgomery, | 75 00 | |
| May 2— | " " " Bishop Cobbs, Coll. Church in Demopolis, | 12 25 | |
| " 4— | " " " Rev. R. A. Cobbs, Coll. Church Holy Cross, | 13 00—420 | |
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| May 3— | By Cash paid Bishop Cobbs' order in favor of Rev. W. J. Perdue..... | \$ 50 00 |
| " " " | cash paid Bishop Cobbs' order in favor of Rev. T. A. Morris..... | 100 00 |
| Sept. 8— | " cash paid Bishop Cobbs' order in favor of Rev. W. F. Davidson..... | 50 00 |
| 1857. Feb. 5— | " cash paid Bishop Cobbs' order in favor of Rev. W. J. Perdue..... | 50 00 |
| M'ch 30— | " cash paid Bishop Cobbs' order in favor of Rev. W. F. Davidson..... | 25 00 |
| April 1— | " cash paid Bishop Cobbs' order in favor of Rev. J. J. Nicholson..... | 75 00 |
| May 4— | " cash paid Bishop Cobbs' order in favor of Rev. J. B. Ramsdell..... | 50 00 |
| " " " | Balance carried down..... | 290 71 |
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| | | \$690 71 |
| May 4— | To balance on hand..... | \$290 71 |

THOMAS W. McCOY, Treasurer.

E. E.—Mobile, May 4, 1857.

The Convention then proceeded to the election of the Standing Committee of the Diocese, by ballot.

Rev. R. D. NEVIUS and CHARLES L. STICKNEY were appointed tellers.

After counting the ballots, the following persons were declared duly elected members of the Standing Committee of the Diocese :

Rev. Messrs. J. M. MITCHELL, GEORGE F. CUSHMAN and J. H. TICKNOR, of the Clergy, and Messrs. A. R. BELL, M. J. CONLEY and S. G. JONES, of the Laity.

D. S. TROY asked and obtained leave of absence for the balance of the session.

The Finance Committee made the following report :

The Committee on Finance beg leave to report, that they have examined the Treasurer's accounts, and find them correct.

They recommend the same assessments as the last year, with the ten dollars upon the new Parish of St. Mary's, of Mobile.

They also recommend that one of Mr. George Taylor's notes for \$100 be returned to him, one having been given by mistake.

The Committee respectfully recommend to the lay members the early payment of their assessments.

| | Bishop's Salary. | Contingent Fund. |
|------------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Christ Church, Mobile..... | \$500 00 | \$40 00 |
| Christ Church, Tuscaloosa..... | 200 00 | 16 00 |
| St. John's Church, Montgomery..... | 250 00 | 20 00 |
| St. Paul's Church, Greensboro',..... | 175 00 | 14 00 |
| Church of the Holy Cross, Uniontown..... | 80 00 | 6 40 |
| St. Andrew's Church, Macon..... | 66 00 | 5 28 |
| St. Paul's Church, Selma..... | 100 00 | 8 00 |
| St. James' Church, Livingston..... | 60 00 | 4 80 |
| Church of the Nativity, Huntsville..... | 125 00 | 10 00 |
| St. Paul's Church, Carlowville..... | 50 00 | 4 00 |
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| Amount carried over..... | \$1,606 00 | \$128 48 |

| | Bishop's Salary. | Contingent Fund. |
|--------------------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|
| Amount brought forward,..... | \$1,606 00 | \$128 48 |
| St. Peter's Church, Lowndes county,..... | 50 00 | 4 00 |
| St. John's Church, Tuscumbia,..... | 25 00 | 2 00 |
| St. Luke's Church, Cahaba,..... | 50 00 | 4 00 |
| St. David's Church, Dallas county,..... | 78 00 | 6 25 |
| Trinity Church, Demopolis,..... | 50 00 | 4 00 |
| St. John's Church, in the Wilderness,..... | 24 00 | 1 92 |
| St. James' Church, Eufaula,..... | 50 00 | 4 00 |
| St. Stephen's Church, Eutaw,..... | 35 00 | 2 80 |
| Trinity Church, Mobile,..... | 150 00 | 12 00 |
| St. Mark's Church, Greene county,..... | 40 00 | 3 20 |
| St. Wilfrid's Church, Marion,..... | 40 00 | 3 20 |
| St. Luke's Church, Jacksonville,..... | 25 00 | 2 00 |
| St. John's Church, Elyton,..... | 10 00 | 80 |
| St. Michael's Church, Marengo county,..... | 45 00 | 3 60 |
| Trinity Church, Florence,..... | 25 00 | 2 00 |
| St. John's Church, Mobile,..... | 75 00 | 6 00 |
| St. Mary's Church, Camden,..... | 50 00 | 4 00 |
| Grace Church, St. Stephens,..... | 20 00 | 1 60 |
| St. Paul's Church, Lowndesboro',..... | 20 00 | 1 60 |
| St. Mary's Church, Mobile,..... | 10 00 | 80 |
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| | \$2,478 00 | \$198 25 |
| | H. L. ALISON, Chairman. | |

On motion, *Resolved*, That the recommendations of the Finance Committee be concurred in.

On motion, the Convention adjourned until 4 o'clock, P. M.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, MONTGOMERY,)
Friday, 4 o'clock, P. M.)

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

Certificates of Election were presented from Christ Church, Mobile, and St. James' Church, Livingston, and referred to the Committee on Certificates of Elections.

The Committee on Certificates of Election examined the same and reported them in due form.

Christ Church, Mobile.—C. A. Bradford, H. A. Schroeder, Archibald Gracie, Wm. Alderson, and Robert S. Bunker.

St. James' Church, Livingston.—L. H. Anderson, Wm. Wetmore and Henry R. Thornton.

Their names being called, the following Delegates appeared and took their seats :

ROBERT S. BUNKER and C. A. BRADFORD.

The Committee on Canons reported the following Canon :

CANON XIII.

OF THE TRIAL OF A CLERGYMAN.

SECTION 1. Any Priest or Deacon amenable to the ecclesiastical authority of this Diocese, may be presented for trial on charges for the following offences, viz:—1. Crime or immorality. 2. Holding and teaching publicly, or privately and advisedly, any doctrine contrary to that held by the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States. 3. Violation of the Constitution or Canons of the General Convention. 4. Violation of the Constitution or Canons of this Diocese. 5. Any act which involves a breach of his ordination vows.

SEC. 2. The proceedings shall commence by charges in writing; and, except when the charge is holding and teaching doctrine contrary to that held by this Church, shall be signed by either—1. The Vestrymen, or a majority of them, of the Parish whereof the accused is Minister. 2. Three male communicants of this Church in good standing, of whom one at least shall be a Presbyter. 3. Whenever a Minister of this Diocese shall have reason to believe that there are in circulation rumors, reports or charges, affecting his moral or religious character, he may, if he please, acting in conformity with the written advice and consent of any two Presbyters, demand of the Bishop to convene a board of inquiry in the mode hereinafter set forth, to investigate such rumors, reports and charges; and to proceed in all respects according to the provisions of this Canon, as if charges had been formally made in either of the two modes first mentioned in this section.

Whenever any charges are formally made in either of the modes first above mentioned, the accusers may, if they choose, select a lay communicant of this Church, of the profession of the law, to act as their adviser, advocate and agent, in preparing the accusation, proofs, &c., until such time as a board of inquiry is convened in such manner as is hereinafter provided for: or they may prepare such charges themselves, without regard to any particular form; and, in either case, the grounds of accusation must be set forth with reasonable certainty of time, place and circumstance.

SEC. 3. The charges having been prepared in either of the modes first above mentioned, shall then be delivered to the Bishop.

SEC. 4. The Standing Committee of the Diocese shall be a board for making preliminary enquiry, whenever such board shall be necessary.

Charges being preferred in the manner heretofore prescribed, the Bishop shall give notice thereof to every member of said Committee, and designate a time and place where they shall attend to act as a court of inquiry: it shall be the duty of every member so to attend, but a majority may proceed in the inquiry.

On assembling, the board shall organize by choosing from among themselves a President and Secretary, and shall also appoint a Church Advocate, who must be a lay communicant of this Church, and of the profession of the law, and who thenceforward shall, in all stages of the proceedings, if a trial be ordered, represent the Church; and be the party on the one hand, while the accused is the party on the other. The sittings of the board shall be private; the Church-Advocate shall not attend

as prosecuting counsel, but shall be at all times at hand and in readiness to give his advice in all questions submitted to him by the board.

In conducting the investigation, the board shall hear the accusations and such proof as the accusers may produce; and shall determine whether upon matters of law and of fact, as presented to them, there is sufficient ground to put the accused upon his trial; and in such investigation, as well as in all cases of trial by an ecclesiastical court, now authorized, or hereafter to be authorized, the laws of the State of Alabama, so far as they relate to the law of evidence, shall be adopted and taken as the rules by which the said board or court shall be governed. If a majority of the board present On such investigation, shall be of opinion that there are sufficient grounds to put the accused on his trial, they shall direct the Church-Advocate to prepare a presentment to be signed by such of the board as agree thereto; and to that end shall place in his hands all the charges, together with the testimony, that has been laid before the board.

The board shall then direct the Church-Advocate to transmit to the Bishop the presentment thus signed; and shall cause him also, without delay, to send to the accused a copy of the same, certified by the Church-Advocate to be correct.

If a majority of the board present shall be of opinion that there is not sufficient ground to put the accused on his trial, in such case the charges, together with a certificate of the President of the board of its refusal to make a presentment, shall be sent to the Secretary of the Convention, to be deposited among the archives of that house. And no proceedings shall thereafter be had by way of presentment on such charges, except upon the affidavit of a respectable communicant of the Church of the discovery of new testimony as to the facts charged, and setting forth what such testimony is.

No presentment shall be found in any case, unless the alleged offence shall have been committed within three years next before the day on which the charges were delivered to the Bishop. But if the accused shall have been convicted of the alleged offence in a State Court, notwithstanding three years may have elapsed since its commission, a presentment may be founded on charges delivered to the Bishop at any time within one year after such conviction.

If, from the offence charged, it shall appear that great scandal is likely to arise from the accused continuing to perform his services, the Bishop may, upon the presentment being made, inhibit him from performing ministerial services until sentence shall be given.

SEC. 5. There shall be an Ecclesiastical Court for the Diocese of Alabama, to try such charges as may be preferred against any Priest or Deacon of said Diocese. It shall be composed of five Presbyters, not members of the Standing Committee. They shall be appointed by the Bishop, by and with the advice and consent of a majority of the Diocesan Convention, during the present Convention, and every sixth year thereafter, and shall continue in office until others shall have been chosen in their places, unless sooner removed by a vote of the Convention.

The Bishop, by and with the advice and consent of the majority of the Convention, shall have power to fill all vacancies which may occur by

such removals, or by death, resignation, removal from the Diocese, or election into the Episcopate or Standing Committee.

A presentment being made, the Bishop shall forthwith appoint a time and place for the assembling of the Court; the time being not less than one, nor more than four months from the date of the presentment. He shall also notify the accused of the same, and summon him then and there to appear and answer. He shall have power, until the Court assembles, upon the application of either party, to issue a summons for witnesses.

Sec. 6. The members of the Court, or a majority of them, having assembled according to the notice given them, which notice it is hereby made their duty to obey, shall proceed as follows, viz:—1. They shall elect a President out of their own number and appoint a member of the Church as Clerk, and if necessary, another as assistant Clerk; and when thus organized, the President shall direct the Clerk to call the names of the Church Advocate and the accused, and if both appear, he shall then cause the Clerk to read the presentment, which was delivered to the Bishop, whose duty it is hereby made to deliver the same to the Court upon its organization. 2. The accused shall then be called upon by the Court to say whether he is guilty or not guilty of the offence or offences charged against him, and his plea shall be duly recorded; and on his neglect or refusal to plead, the plea of not guilty shall be entered for him, and the trial shall proceed:—*Provided*, that for sufficient cause, the Court may adjourn from time to time: *And provided also*, that the accused shall at all times, during the trial, have liberty to be present, and in due time and order to produce his testimony and to make his defence. 3. If the accused neglect or refuse to appear in person, according to the notice served on him as aforesaid, except for some reasonable cause to be allowed by the Court, they shall proceed to pronounce him in contumacy, and notify him that sentence of suspension or degradation will be pronounced against him at the expiration of three months, unless within that time he tender himself ready, and accordingly appear and take his trial on the presentment. But if the accused shall not tender himself before the expiration of the said three months, sentence of suspension, or degradation from the ministry, may be pronounced against him by the Bishop, being thereto advised by the Court. 4. The accused being present, and the trial proceeding, it shall be conducted according to the principles of the common law, as the same are generally administered in the United States; nor shall any testimony be received at the trial, except from witnesses who have signed a declaration in the following words, to be read aloud before the witness testifies, and to be filed with the records of the Court:

“I, A. B., a witness summoned to testify on the trial of a presentment against the Rev. —, a Clergyman of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, now pending, do most solemnly call God to witness that the evidence I am about to give shall be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth; so help me God!” And if it be necessary to take the testimony of an absent witness on a commission, such testimony shall be preceded by a similar written declaration of the witness, which shall be filed and transmitted, with his or her deposition,

to the Court. The testimony of each witness shall be reduced to writing. And in case there is ground to suppose that the attendance of any witness on the trial cannot be obtained, it shall be lawful for either party to apply to the Court, if in session, or, if not, to any member thereof, who shall thereupon appoint a commissioner to take the deposition of such witness: And such party so desiring to take the deposition, shall give to the other party reasonable notice of the time and place of taking such deposition, accompanying such notice with the interrogatories to be propounded to the witness; whereupon it shall be lawful for the other party, within six days after such notice, to propound cross interrogatories; and such interrogatories and cross interrogatories, if any be propounded, shall be sent to the commissioner, who shall thereupon proceed to take the testimony of such witness, upon oath or affirmation, and transmit it under seal to the Court. But no deposition shall be read at the trial, unless the Court have reasonable assurance that the attendance of the witness cannot be procured, or unless both parties shall consent that it may be read. *Provided*, that if the civil government shall authorize the Ecclesiastical Courts to issue summons for witnesses, or to administer an oath, the Court shall act in conformity to such laws. 5. All notices and papers may be served by a summoner or summoners, to be appointed by the Court when the same is in session, or by a member thereof; and the certificate of any such summoner shall be evidence of the due service of a notice or paper. In case of service by any other person, the fact may be proved by the affidavit of such person. The delivery of a written notice or paper to the accused party, or to the Church-Advocate, or leaving it, or a copy thereof, at the residence, or last known residence, of either, shall be deemed sufficient service of such notice or paper, on the Church-Advocate and accused respectively. 6. If the person to be served with any notice or paper shall have left the United States, it shall be a sufficient service thereof to leave a copy of such notice or paper at his last place of abode within the United States, thirty days before the day on which the appearance, or other act required by the said notice or paper, is to be performed. 7. The accused may, if he think proper, have the aid of counsel; and if he should choose to have more than one counsel, the Church-Advocate may have assistant Advocates, to be named by the accusers; but in every case the Court may regulate the number of counsel who shall address the Court or examine witnesses; the Church-Advocate shall be considered the party on one side and the accused on the other. 8. The Court having fully heard the allegations and proofs of the parties, and deliberately considered the same, after the parties have withdrawn, shall declare respectively, whether in their opinion, the accused is guilty or not guilty of each particular charge and specification contained in the presentment, in the order in which they are set forth; and the accused shall be considered as not guilty of every charge and specification of which he shall not be pronounced guilty by a majority of the members of the Court. The decision of the Court as to all the charges and specifications of which a majority of the members of the Court have found him guilty, shall be reduced to writing and signed by those who assent to it; and a decision pronouncing him not guilty of all those charges

and specifications of which a majority shall not have pronounced him guilty, shall also be drawn up and signed by those who assent to it; and the decision thus signed shall be regarded as the judgment of the Court, and shall be pronounced in the presence of the parties if they shall think proper to attend. 9. If the accused shall be found guilty of any charge or specification, the Court shall proceed to ask him whether he has any thing to say before their judgment is finally rendered, and may, in their discretion, give him time to prepare what he wishes to say, and appoint a time for pronouncing their judgment; and before pronouncing judgment the Court may adjourn from time to time, and give the accused reasonable opportunity of showing cause to induce a belief that justice has not been done, or that he has discovered new testimony; and the Court or a majority of its members may, according to a sound discretion, grant him a new trial. Before pronouncing judgment, the accused shall always have the opportunity of being heard, if he have aught to say, in excuse or palliation. 10. The accused having been heard, or not desiring to be heard, the judgment of the Court shall then be pronounced, and shall be either admonition, suspension as defined by the existing Canons of the Church, or degradation, as the offence or offences adjudged to be proved shall seem to deserve. The Court shall thereupon seal up their judgment, together with the evidence and record, and forward the same to the Bishop, who shall pronounce such canonical sentence as shall appear to him to be proper, provided the same shall not exceed in severity the sentence recommended by the Court. 11. Every Court shall keep a full record of its proceedings, including the whole evidence given before it. Should any Court refuse to insert in its record a statement of any testimony which has been received, or of any decision which the Court has made, or of any fact which has occurred in Court, or any paper which either party has produced, it shall be the right of either party to file an exception in writing, containing a statement of such evidence, decision or fact, or referring to, or describing, such paper, which paper shall also be filed with the exception. All exceptions and papers so filed shall become parts of the record. 12. Such records shall be kept by the Clerk and inserted in a book, to be attested by the signatures of the President and Clerk. Every such book, and all papers connected with any trial, shall be deposited with the Secretary of the Convention. Such books and papers shall be open to the inspection of every member of the Church. 13. Every Court constituted under the authority of this Canon, may be attended by one or more lay advisers, who shall be communicants of this Church, and of the profession of the law. Such advisers may be present at all the proceedings of the Court, but they shall have no vote in any case whatever; it shall be their duty to give in person to the Court an opinion on any question, not theological, upon which the Court, or any member thereof, or either party, shall desire an opinion. If a dispute shall arise whether any question be or be not theological, it shall be decided by the Court by a majority of votes. The Court may always, by unanimous consent, appoint an adviser or advisers. If they are not unanimous, each member of the Court may name a candidate; if not more than three are named, they all shall be advisers; if more than three are named, the Court shall reduce them to three by lot.

SEC. 7. Any Minister may be presented for holding and teaching doctrine inconsistent with that of this Church, by a Presbyter of good standing, but in no other mode, nor shall it be lawful for two or more persons to unite in such presentment. The trial shall proceed as in other cases, except in these particulars, viz :

1. The person making such presentment shall appoint a Church Advocate. 2. The Board of Inquiry shall consist of the Clerical members of the Standing Committee. 3. The trial may be at any time not exceeding one year after the date of the presentment. 4. The Court shall consist of all the Presbyters entitled to seats in the Convention : a majority shall constitute a quorum, but the consent of two-thirds of the members present shall be necessary to a conviction.

SEC. 8. All former Canons of the trial of a Clergyman are hereby repealed.

The Canon was read and voted upon section by section.

Sections 1, 2 and 3 were unanimously adopted.

Section 4 was amended by striking out the word "five," and inserting the word "three." The section, as amended, was then unanimously adopted.

Sections 5, 6, 7 and 8 were unanimously adopted.

The Canon, as amended, was then unanimously adopted.

The Committee on Unfinished Business made the following report :

The Committee on Unfinished Business respectfully report, that they find on page 28 of last Journal, three Canons of importance, which have already been referred and acted upon at this Convention, by the Committee on Canons; and on page 38, the report of the "Committee appointed to inquire into the expediency of a new Diocesan Missionary organization," and upon which no action has yet been taken.

GEO. W. STICKNEY, Chairman.

On motion, the Convention adjourned until 9 o'clock to-morrow.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, MONTGOMERY, }
Saturday, May 9th, 9 o'clock, A. M. }

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment. After prayer by the President, the roll was called. The minutes of yesterday's proceedings were then read and approved.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the election of Delegates to the General Convention be postponed.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the report of the Committee on Diocesan Missionary Organization be laid over until the next Convention, and made the order of the day on the second day at 4 o'clock, P. M.

On motion, the Convention proceeded to the election of the Executive Committee of the Diocesan Missionary Society.

The Rev. Messrs. F. B. LEE, J. A. MASSEY and GEO. F. CUSHMAN, of

the Clergy, and Messrs. M. J. CONLEY and A. W. ELLERBE, of the Laity, were nominated and elected members of the Executive Committee of the Diocesan Missionary Society.

The following resolution—

Resolved, That in the judgment of this Convention, it is the duty of every Parish to provide for the expenses of its Clergyman in attendance on the Convention.

Was offered as a substitute for the resolution presented on yesterday.

On motion, the original resolution and substitute were laid upon the table.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Treasurer of the Convention be instructed to pay to the order of the President of the Standing Committee of the Diocese, any expenses incurred by the Clerical members of the said Committee in attending the meetings of the Committee.

The Treasurer of the Trustees of the Bishop's Fund made the following report :

The Treasurer of the Bishop's Fund begs leave respectfully to report—

That since the last Convention, he has endeavored to comply with the resolution then adopted, instructing the Trustees to collect a portion of the notes, and to invest the proceeds permanently. The payments on notes being usually made in small amounts, and at various intervals of time, he has not been able to invest, as yet, any portion of the Fund in the manner prescribed.

The funds collected, he has loaned to individuals on undoubted security, and for short time ; so as to have falling due, at one and the same period of time, an amount which, when collected, may be advantageously invested. The Permanent Fund, at the last report, was,.....\$2,628 64
Interest for 12 months on above,..... 210 29
Christmas Offerings,..... 29 55

\$2,868 48

From which deduct paid on assessment of Tuscaloosa Parish,..... 40 00

\$2,828 48

To the above will be added the excess of interest on the contribution of several Parishes over their assessment. This amount, for the present year, cannot be definitely stated, from the fact that the assessment upon all the Parishes has not been paid. If the interest were promptly paid, there would be a regular annual increase of the Permanent Fund of from \$150 to \$250 over and above the increase derived from interest upon this fund.

The Special Fund, at the last report, was,.....\$11,179 75
Amount collected by Rev. Mr. Lay,..... 11,882 05

\$23,061 80

From which deduct, by resolution of the Convention,..... 100 00

\$22,961 80

The interest on the above is paid on the assessments of the various Parishes. The excess, when there is any, is added to the Permanent Fund.

While a large proportion of the notes held by the Trustees is undoubtedly as good as any paper of the kind, the management of the fund, as arranged at present, is attended with a great amount of trouble and some responsibility ; which could be entirely removed, if the whole fund were paid into the hands of the Trustees, and properly invested. All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. W. ELLERBE, Treasurer.

On motion, the Convention then proceeded to the election of Trustees of the Bishop's Fund.

Messrs. A. W. ELLERBE, H. L. ALISON and SAMUEL G. JONES were elected Trustees of the Bishop's Fund, for the ensuing year.

On motion, the Convention took a recess, for Divine Service.

After Divine Service, the Convention was called to order by the President.

The Committee on the state of the Church made the following report :

The Committee on the state of the Church beg leave respectfully to report—

That in the discharge of their duty they have found the usual embarrassment from the neglect of many Parishes to make any report whatever.

The statistics show a small increase in nearly all the particulars noted, and evidence the general prosperity of the Diocese. They regret to observe that several Clergymen have dissolved their connection with the Diocese of Alabama, and that vacancies remain not easy to be filled.

The Committee are impressed with the vastness of the work entrusted to the Churchmen of Alabama, and the inadequacy (humanly speaking) of the means at our disposal to accomplish it. Among the desiderata, they would dwell especially upon the need of a Diocesan spirit: a love for the souls of men in general, but especially for the souls of the men of Alabama, for whom we are chiefly responsible: a zealous devotion to the interests of the Church Catholic, and a special measure of it for the Diocese to which we belong. The blessed sunshine itself illumines all the world, and yet spends itself chiefly on those objects nearest and most exposed thereto. So must we concentrate our energies and our affections on that which is peculiarly our own work. Could each Minister love his Parish with that exclusive affection which a good man entertains for his wife—could we have in each Diocese something corresponding to what is so well known in the world as "State Pride"—could our people, not despising the day of small things, take a lively interest in all things diocesan, merely because it is diocesan—we should be a Macedonian phalanx, hard to be broken, and formidable in its aggressions.

The value of the Diocesan Missionary Society, if set upon a firm basis, can hardly be over-estimated. It is to be regretted that in the press of other business, the claims of this Society have not been considered.

We cordially respond to the suggestion of the Bishop touching the benefit that would result from the employment of an itinerant Missionary at large, and of a Church Book Agent.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

The Convention then resumed the consideration of the resolution respecting the next place of meeting of the Diocesan Convention.

The proposed amendment to strike out "Huntsville," and insert "Selma," was voted upon and lost.

An amendment was offered that the next Diocesan Convention meet on the first Thursday in May.

An amendment was offered to strike out the words "the Thursday after the first Thursday in May," and insert the words "the third Thursday in May."

On motion, the amendment was adopted.

The resolution, as amended, was then adopted—

Resolved, That the next annual Convention be held in the Church of the Nativity, Huntsville, on the third Thursday in May, 1858.

The Rev. Mr. BANISTER, Chairman of the Committee on the College and Female Diocesan School, reported as follows :

The Committee to whom was referred so much of the Bishop's Address as relates to the proposed University, and to a Diocesan Female School, respectfully report—

That with the views of the Bishop respecting the establishment of a Southern University, they fully concur.

The great importance of such an Institution is so evident that they deem it unnecessary to enter into any labored argument to show the expediency of some decided action on the part of this Convention with reference to it.

In order to this, they need only refer to that radical defect in nearly all the Schools and Colleges in the United States, which has long since excited in the minds of pious and thoughtful men, very serious doubts as to the propriety of entrusting the guardianship and education of their sons to Institutions of learning in which no adequate provision has been made for their moral and religious culture.

The melancholy effects of such systems of education, on the morals and welfare of the country, have come to be regarded almost as the natural fruits of a collegiate education.

It is in view of the natural force of such sad arguments, that in the judgment of your Committee, the popularity and success of the scheme now under consideration may be safely predicated.

There are, it is true, many formidable obstacles to be encountered in the successful prosecution of every good and great undertaking ; and the history of the world and of the Church assure us that great things are to be expected only of those who are not afraid of great difficulties. Experience has shown, even with regard to the affairs belonging strictly to this world, that nearly all things are possible to him that believeth, and surely the disciples of Him who promised such astonishing results to the smallest measure of sincere and earnest faith, should not suffer themselves, with regard to this important object, to be discouraged either by the real or imaginary obstacles which may threaten to defeat its accomplishment.

Your Committee do not think that the discussion of them comes properly within the scope of this report. Neither do they deem it proper here to enter into details, such as the class of buildings most suitable, the location and management of the proposed institution ; believing that these things properly belong to the Convention of Bishops, and Trustees, to be chosen by the respective Dioceses. We therefore recommend the following resolutions :

Resolved, That the Convention proceed to the election of one Clergyman and two Laymen, for the Diocese of Alabama, whose duty it will be to accompany the Bishop to the place at which the Bishops and Trustees from other Dioceses may meet, for the adoption of such measures as in their judgment may be best fitted to accomplish the proposed end.

Resolved, That the Bishop and Trustees elected be authorized to enter into such arrangements as that Convention may deem necessary.

With regard to the proposal to establish a Diocesan Female School, which was also referred to this Committee, they would also express their hearty approval of the measure, as second in importance only to that on which they have just reported.

As to the place of location, the plan of raising the necessary means, and of perfecting all the details needed to put it in operation, they respectfully recommend to the Convention the appointment of a Committee of three, composed of one Clergyman and two Laymen, to be associated with the Bishop, and that to this Committee the power be given by the Convention to take the subject into consideration, and to adopt and carry out such plans as they may deem most advisable.

They submit the following resolutions :

Resolved, That the Convention fully concur with the Bishop as to the importance of establishing, without delay, a Female Seminary, to be under the control of the Church.

Resolved, That a Committee of four, composed of the Bishop, one Clergyman and two Laymen, be elected, and that they report progress to the next Convention.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. M. BANISTER, Chairman.

On motion, the resolutions accompanying said report were adopted.

The Rev. H. C. LAY, and Messrs. C. T. POLLARD and L. H. ANDERSON, were nominated and elected Trustees of the proposed College.

The Rev. J. M. MITCHELL, and Messrs. S. G. JONES and THOMAS B. TAYLOR, were nominated and elected Trustees of the Female School.

The following Clergymen—Rev. Messrs. F. B. LEE, F. R. HANSON, J. A. MASSEY, H. C. LAY, and J. M. BANISTER—were nominated by the Bishop to constitute the Court for the trial of Clergymen.

On motion, the above nomination was confirmed.

On motion, the above vote was reconsidered, and the Convention proceeded to confirm said nominations, *one by one*—whereupon the following gentlemen—Rev. F. B. LEE, Rev. F. R. HANSON, Rev. J. A. MASSEY, Rev. H. C. LAY and Rev. J. M. BANISTER—were nominated and unanimously confirmed, one by one, as members of the Court for the trial of a Clergyman.

On motion, the Convention adjourned until 4 o'clock, P. M.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, MONTGOMERY, }
Saturday, 4 o'clock, P. M. }

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

On motion, Ordered, That the Secretary have printed 700 copies of the Journal, with the Constitution, Canons, and Rules of Order.

On motion, *Unanimously Resolved*, That the thanks of this Convention be tendered to the citizens of Montgomery, for their hospitality.

On motion, the Convention nominated Rev. W. A. STICKNEY Trustee of the General Theological Seminary.

The minutes were read and approved.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Convention adjourn *sine die*.

After Prayer and the Benediction, by the Bishop, the Convention adjourned *sine die*.

N. H. COBBS, President.

HENRY A. TAYLOR, Secretary,

JOHN L. COBBS, Assistant Secretary.

The following Parishes have paid their Bishop's Assessment for the year past, and
Contingent Assessment of 1857 :

| | 1856. Bishop's Assessm't. | 1857. Contingent Assessm't. |
|--------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Christ Church, Mobile,..... | \$500 00 | \$40 00 |
| Christ Church, Tuscaloosa,..... | 200 00 | 16 00 |
| St. John's Church, Montgomery,..... | 250 00 | 20 00 |
| St. Paul's Church, Greensboro',..... | 175 00 | 14 00 |
| Church of the Holy Cross, Uniontown,..... | 80 00 | 6 40 |
| St. Andrew's Church, Macon,..... | 66 00 | 5 28 |
| St. Paul's Church, Selma,..... | 74 40 | |
| St. James' Church, Livingston,..... | 60 00 | 4 80 |
| Church of the Nativity, Huntsville,..... | 125 00 | 10 00 |
| St. Paul's Church, Carlowville,..... | 50 00 | 4 00 |
| St. Peter's Church, Lowndes county,..... | 50 00 | 4 00 |
| St. Luke's Church, Cahaba,..... | 50 00 | 4 00 |
| St. David's Church, Dallas county,..... | 78 00 | 6 24 |
| Trinity Church, Demopolis,..... | 50 00 | 4 00 |
| St. John's Church, in the Wilderness,..... | 24 00 | |
| St. Stephen's Church, Eutaw,..... | 35 00 | 2 80 |
| Trinity Church, Mobile,..... | 150 00 | 12 00 |
| St. Mark's Church, Greene county,..... | 40 00 | 3 20 |
| St. Wilfrid's Church, Marion,..... | 40 00 | |
| St. Luke's Church, Jacksonville,..... | 25 00 | 2 00 |
| St. John's Church, Elyton,..... | 9 60 | |
| St. Michael's Church, Marengo county,..... | 45 00 | |
| Trinity Church, Florence,..... | 12 25 | |
| St. John's Church, Mobile,..... | 75 00 | 6 00 |
| St. Mary's Church, Camden,..... | 40 00 | |
| St. Paul's Church, Lowndesboro',..... | 7 80 | |
| | <hr/> \$2,312 05 | <hr/> \$164 72 |

The following Parishes owe the Assessments:

| | Bishop's Fund. | | Contingent Fund. |
|-------------------------------------------|----------------|----------|------------------|
| St. Paul's Church, Selma,..... | \$25 60.... | 3 years, | \$24 00 |
| St. John's Church, Tuscumbia,..... | 75 00.... | 2 " | 4 00 |
| St. John's Church in the Wilderness,..... | ..... | 4 " | 7 04 |
| St. James' Church, Eufaula,..... | 145 00.... | 5 " | 17 70 |
| St. Stephen's Church, Eutaw,..... | ..... | 1 " | 2 80 |
| St. Wilfrid's Church, Marion,..... | ..... | 1 " | 3 20 |
| St. John's Church, Elyton,..... | ..... | 3 " | 2 40 |
| Trinity Church, Florence,..... | 120 15.... | 3 " | 7 50 |
| St. Mary's Church, Camden,..... | 15 00.... | 2 " | 8 00 |
| Grace Church, St. Stephens,..... | 20 00.... | 2 " | 3 20 |
| St. Paul's Church, Lowndesboro',..... | 12 20.... | 2 " | 3 20 |
| | <hr/> \$412 95 | | <hr/> \$83 04 |

FORM OF PAROCHIAL REPORT.

| _____ | _____ | _____ |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|--------|
| Parish. | Rector. | Date. |
| Baptisms—White, adults, —; infants, —;..... | | Total, |
| “ Colored, adults, —; infants, —;..... | | “ |
| Confirmations—White, —; colored, —;..... | | “ |
| Marriages—White, —; colored, —;..... | | “ |
| Deaths—White, —; colored, —;..... | | “ |
| Communicants—White, at last Report, —; Died, —; Removed, —; pres’t number, | | |
| “ Colored, at the last Report, —; Died, —; Removed —; “ | | “ |
| Sunday School—Teachers, —; scholars, white, —; colored, —;..... | | Total, |
| Library Books,..... | | |
| Communion administered,..... | | |
| Communion Offerings,..... | | |
| Collections—Diocesan Missions,..... | | |
| “ Domestic “..... | | |
| “ Foreign “..... | | |
| “ For Parochial Schools,..... | | |
| “ For Church purposes, generally,..... | | |
| Time spent in the Parish in the performance of its regular duties, since last | | |
| Report,..... | | — mont |
| REMARKS— | | |

ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION.

WE, whose names are hereunto affixed, deeply impressed with the importance the Christian religion, and earnestly desiring to promote its holy influence in hearts and lives of ourselves, our families, and our neighbors, do hereby associate ourselves together under the name and style and title of the Parish of _____ Church _____, _____ County, and State of Alabama, and by so doing do adopt the Constitution and Canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Alabama in communion with the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America

Agreeably to Canon XI, 1850, we certify to the Convention of the Diocese of Alabama, that the above recited Articles of Association have been duly signed by _____ members of the Parish of _____ Church, _____.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH,

IN THE DIOCESE OF ALABAMA.

THE Clergy and Laity of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the Diocese of Alabama, for the purpose of promoting the cause of religion and piety, establishing order, and securing to themselves and their posterity the advantages of the Ministry and Ordinances of the Church, do ordain and establish this Constitution :

ARTICLE 1. This Church hereby accedes to the authority, and recognizes and adopts the Constitution and Canons of the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America.

ART. 2. There shall be an annual Convention of the Church, to be held at such time and place as shall be designated by the next preceding Convention ; and in case there should be an epidemic disease in the place appointed for holding said Convention, or any other good cause to render it necessary to alter the place fixed for holding it, the Bishop shall have the power to appoint another convenient place for holding the same.

ART. 3. The Convention shall be composed of Clergymen and Laymen. Every Clergyman in Ecclesiastical connexion with the Diocese, being a Minister or Assistant Minister of some Parish within the same, or a Missionary under the direction of the Ecclesiastical authority thereof, or being a President, Professor or Tutor in some Institution of learning recognized and approved by this Convention, or being unable to discharge the duties of the Ministry, on account of age or infirm health, or a Chaplain in the Army or Navy, shall be entitled to a seat and vote in the Convention. *Provided*, that no member shall be entitled to a seat in the Convention, unless he shall have resided in the Diocese for six months next preceding. The Laymen shall consist of any number of Delegates, not exceeding five from each Parish, chosen by the Vestry thereof, from the Church within the same.

ART. 4. Four members of the Clerical order, and the delegations of four Parishes shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business : but a smaller number may adjourn.

ART. 5. The Bishop shall be President of the Convention. If he be absent, or if there be no Bishop, the Convention shall choose a President *pro tempore*, from the Presbyters present. The Bishop may make any motion which he shall judge to be conducive to the good of the

FORM OF PAROCHIAL REPORT.

| _____ | Parish. | _____ | Rector. | _____ | Date. |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|---------|-------|-------|
| Baptisms— | White, adults, —; infants, —;..... | Total, | — | | |
| “ | Colored, adults, —; infants, —;..... | “ | — | | |
| Confirmations— | White, —; colored, —;..... | “ | — | | |
| Marriages— | White, —; colored, —;..... | “ | — | | |
| Deaths— | White, —; colored, —;..... | “ | — | | |
| Communicants— | White, at last Report, —; Died, —; Removed, —; pres’t number, — | | | | |
| “ | Colored, at the last Report, —; Died, —; Removed —; “ | “ | — | | |
| Sunday School— | Teachers, —; scholars, white, —; colored, —;..... | Total, | — | | |
| Library Books, | ..... |  | — |  |  |
| Communion administered, | ..... |  | — |  |  |
| Communion Offerings, | ..... |  | — |  |  |
| Collections— | Diocesan Missions,..... | | — | | |
| “ | Domestic “..... | | — | | |
| “ | Foreign “..... | | — | | |
| “ | For Parochial Schools,..... | | — | | |
| “ | For Church purposes, generally,..... | | — | | |
| Time spent in the Parish in the performance of its regular duties, since last Report, | ..... | — months. | | | |
| REMARKS— | | | | | |

ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION.

WE, whose names are hereunto affixed, deeply impressed with the importance of the Christian religion, and earnestly desiring to promote its holy influence in the hearts and lives of ourselves, our families, and our neighbors, do hereby associate ourselves together under the name and style and title of the Parish of _____ Church, _____, _____ County, and State of Alabama, and by so doing do adopt the Constitution and Canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Alabama, in communion with the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America.

Agreeably to Canon XI, 1850, we certify to the Convention of the Diocese of Alabama, that the above recited Articles of Association have been duly signed by the members of the Parish of _____ Church, _____.

OF ALABAMA,

1857.

I.

OF A PARISH.

there shall be an annual election, on thereafter as the Parish may appoint, of more than three, and not more than eleven in office until their successors are chosen. Two shall be appointed to serve as Wardens, one of whom shall be Senior Warden of the Parish. The Vestry whose duty shall be to take and record the minutes, attest the public acts of the Vestry, preserve the records belonging to the Parish, perform such other duties as may be assigned to him, and faithfully deliver into the hands of the Senior Warden all books and documents belonging to the Parish, and keep them in his possession.

When electing a Vestry, any person shall be entitled to vote who is a pewholder or renter of one entire pew, or is a contributor to the support of the Church, and pays such an amount as the respective Parish shall appoint. When two or more persons shall hold or rent a pew, they shall be jointly entitled to one vote. In forming new Parishes, no person shall be entitled to vote who has not signed the Articles of Parochial Association.

3. No person shall be elected a Vestryman, who is not a pewholder, or a qualified voter in the Parish for which he is elected; provided that no person shall be qualified to act as a Vestryman who does not believe in the truth of the Holy Scriptures.

4. It shall be the duty of the Vestry to take charge of the property of the Church, to regulate its temporal concerns, elect and call a Minister, and provide for his maintenance; to keep order in the Church during the celebration of Divine Worship, and in general, to act as assistants to the Minister, in whatever is appropriate to Laymen, for the advancement of the Gospel. It shall be the duty of the Wardens especially to provide the elements of the Lord's Supper, to collect the alms at the administration of the same, to keep and disburse such alms in case the Church is destitute of a Minister; to provide for the celebration of Divine worship, and the instruction of the congregation by occasional sermons, or by lay reading, as circumstances may permit. Parishes now incorporated, are excepted from any part of this Canon interfering with their Articles of Association or By-Laws.

5. The Rector of every Parish shall *ex-officio* preside as Chairman at Vestry meetings, and shall be entitled to a casting vote in case of a tie on all questions except those in which he may be personally

Church; but shall not enter into debate; and he may deliver his sentiments on any subject, after it has been discussed, before a vote thereon. He may call *special* Conventions at whatever times and places he may think necessary. In case of a vacancy in the Episcopal office, this power shall be exercised by the Standing Committee.

ART. 6. A Secretary shall be chosen at each annual meeting of the Convention, who shall remain in office until the next election of a Secretary. His duty shall be to make minutes of their proceedings, to preserve their journals and records, to attest the public accounts of the body, and faithfully to deliver into the hands of his successor, all books and papers relative to the concerns of the Convention, which may be in his possession.

ART. 7. In Convention the Clergy and Laity shall deliberate and vote as one body. But if it be required by two Clergymen, or the delegation of two Parishes, the two orders shall vote separately, in which case, each Clergyman shall cast one vote, and the delegation of each Parish one vote, and a majority of the votes of each order, thus cast, shall be decisive. In electing a Bishop, the Laity shall vote by Parishes, as herein provided.

ART. 8. The election of a Bishop shall be made in Convention, in the following manner: The Clergy shall nominate, by ballot, some fit and qualified Clergyman of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, for that office, the votes of a majority of that order being necessary to constitute a choice. Such nomination shall be communicated to the Lay Delegates, and be considered by them; and if, on a ballot, it shall appear that the person so nominated is approved by a majority of the Parishes represented, he shall be then declared duly elected.

ART. 9. The Standing Committee, consisting of not more than three Clergymen, and three Laymen, shall be elected at each annual meeting of the Convention. Vacancies in the Committee, caused by death, resignation, or otherwise, shall be filled by the remaining members. A majority shall constitute a quorum.

ART. 10. Every Convention shall be opened with prayer, a sermon, and the administration of the Holy Communion—the preacher to be appointed by the Bishop, or in case of vacancy in the Episcopate, by the Standing Committee.

ART. 11. A proposition to alter this Constitution, shall be made in writing, and if approved by two-thirds of the Convention, shall be submitted to the next Convention; if approved by a majority of the two orders therein, voting separately, it shall be adopted; the Constitution, so altered, shall be valid.

CANONS OF THE DIOCESE OF ALABAMA,

AMENDED AND ADOPTED, 1857.

CANON I.

OF THE VESTRY OF A PARISH.

SECTION 1. In every Parish, there shall be an annual election, on Easter Monday, or on such day thereafter as the Parish may appoint, of a Vestry, consisting of not less than three, and not more than eleven members, who shall continue in office until their successors are chosen. Two of the Vestrymen shall be appointed to serve as Wardens, one of whom shall be designated as Senior Warden of the Parish. The Vestry shall elect a Secretary whose duty shall be to take and record the minutes of their proceedings, attest the public acts of the Vestry, preserve all records and papers belonging to the Parish, perform such other duties as shall be legally assigned to him, and faithfully deliver into the hands of his successor all books and documents belonging to the Parish, that may be in his possession.

SEC. 2. In electing a Vestry, any person shall be entitled to vote who is a holder or renter of one entire pew, or is a contributor to the Church to such an amount as the respective Parish shall appoint. When two or more persons shall hold or rent a pew, they shall be jointly entitled to one vote. In forming new Parishes, no person shall be entitled to vote, who has not signed the Articles of Parochial Association.

SEC. 3. No person shall be elected a Vestryman, who is not a pew holder, or a qualified voter in the Parish for which he is elected; provided that no person shall be qualified to act as a Vestryman who does not believe in the truth of the Holy Scriptures.

SEC. 4. It shall be the duty of the Vestry to take charge of the property of the Church, to regulate its temporal concerns, elect and call a Minister, and provide for his maintenance; to keep order in the Church during the celebration of Divine Worship, and in general, to act as helpers to the Minister, in whatever is appropriate to Laymen, for the furtherance of the Gospel. It shall be the duty of the Wardens especially, to provide the elements of the Lord's Supper, to collect the alms at the administration of the same, to keep and disburse such alms in case the Church is destitute of a Minister; to provide for the celebration of public worship, and the instruction of the congregation by occasional clerical services, or by lay reading, as circumstances may permit. Parishes now incorporated, are excepted from any part of this Canon interfering with their Articles of Association or By-Laws.

SEC. 5. The Rector of every Parish shall *ex-officio* preside as Chairman at Vestry meetings, and shall be entitled to a casting vote in case of a tie on all questions except those in which he may be personally

concerned. The Rector shall have power to call Vestry meetings at any time ; giving reasonable notice, and it shall be his duty to do so whenever he may be requested by three members of the Vestry. In the absence of the Rector, or if the Parish is without a Rector, the Senior Warden, or any two members of the Vestry, shall have power to call Vestry meetings, giving reasonable notice. There shall be holden four regular Vestry meetings in each year: one on Easter Monday, and the others quarterly thereafter. Vacancies in the Vestry, caused by death, resignation or otherwise, may be filled by the remaining members.

CANON II.

OF ADMITTING A CHURCH OR PARISH INTO UNION WITH THIS DIOCESE.

No Church or Parish shall be received into union with this Diocese unless the Articles of Association, authenticated by the Chairman and Secretary of such Association, be presented to the Convention by a member thereof.

CANON III.

OF ATTENDANCE ON CONVENTION, AND TITLE OF A PARISH TO LAY DELEGATES

SEC. 1. It shall be the duty of every Parish in union with the Convention, to send a number, not exceeding five, of Lay Delegates to the Convention, who shall be chosen by the Vestry from among the parishioners.

SEC. 2. No Parish shall be entitled to a Lay Delegation, until all assessments upon the same, made by the Convention, not specially remitted, shall have been paid to the Treasurer thereof, nor shall any Parish be entitled to Lay Delegation, which shall be in arrears six months in the payment of the salary of their Minister, which may hereafter accrue.

CANON IV.

QUALIFICATION OF DELEGATES.

The qualification for a Delegate to the Convention shall be the same as for a Vestryman : except only, that no pecuniary contributions shall be a necessary qualification.

CANON V.

CERTIFICATES TO BE PRESENTED BY DELEGATES.

Delegates to the Convention from the several Parishes shall present a certificate, signed by the Secretary of the Vestry, or by the Rector, or by one of the Wardens, in the following form :

This certifies, that at a meeting of the Vestry of ——— Church, held on ——— day of ———, A, B and C, were duly elected Lay Delegates to represent the same in the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the Diocese of Alabama, to be holden on the — day of — in the year of our Lord —.

CANON VI.

OF DELEGATES TO THE GENERAL CONVENTION.

The Convention shall elect, at a regular annual meeting, Delegates to the General Convention, who shall continue in office until a new election shall be made.

CANON VII.

OF ATTENDANCE OF THE CLERGY ON CONVENTION.

The regular attendance of the Clergy at the meetings of the Convention, being deemed of great importance to the interests of the Church, is a duty with which no slight obstacle should be allowed to interfere. And it is recommended to the Parishes to make provision for the expenses incurred by their respective Ministers in attending the Convention. At the opening of every Convention, the names of the Clergy entitled to seats therein, shall be called over.

CANON VIII.

A LIST TO BE MADE OF THE MINISTERS IN THE DIOCESE.

SEC. 1. Before the meeting of every Convention, the Bishop, or if there be no Bishop, the Clerical members of the Standing Committee, shall cause to be prepared a list of all the Clergymen canonically resident in the Diocese, annexing the names of their respective cures or parishes, or stations as Missionaries, or of the Institutions of learning in which they are engaged; and the places of residence of such as are not employed in either of the ways above mentioned; specifying at the same time who, of either class, are Deacons: but no person, while suspended from the ministry, shall have a place on such list. And such list shall be laid before the Convention immediately after it shall have been called to order, and the names of the Clerical members called therefrom. The same shall be appended to the Journal, and sent to the Secretary of the General Convention.

SEC. 2. When the right of any Clergyman to a seat in the Convention is disputed, it shall be determined, according to the provisions of the Constitution, by the Convention itself, whether his name be inserted in the list aforesaid, or omitted.

CANON IX.

OF THE TREASURER OF THE CONVENTION.

The Secretary shall be *ex-officio*, Treasurer of the Convention, until a Treasurer is elected. He shall forward, in due time, to the Treasurer of the General Convention, the amount assessed upon the Diocese for the contingent expenses of the General Convention.

CANON X.

OF RECEIVING A CLERGYMAN INTO A PARISH.

No Clergyman shall be admitted to the pastoral charge of any Parish, unless he first produce to the Vestry thereof, a certificate from the Bishop, or in case there be no Bishop, from the Standing Committee, that he has presented satisfactory testimonials that he is an accredited Minister of the Church, in good standing.

CANON XI.

OF PARISH REGISTERS AND REPORTS.

SEC. 1. Every Minister shall keep a register of all the baptisms, confirmations, marriages, and funerals solemnized by him, or in his Parish by any other Minister, specifying the names and times of birth of the children baptised, together with the names of the parents and sponsors;

the names of the adults baptised, and also the witnesses of the baptism ; the names of those confirmed, and by whom ; the names of the persons married, and of persons buried, and also the times when each rite and sacrament were performed. This register shall be kept in a book to be provided for that purpose, and belonging to the Vestry in each Parish, which book shall be called the Parish Register, and shall be considered as a part of the records of the Parish.

SEC. 2. In addition to the register above named, the Minister of each Parish shall keep a list of the communicants and families within his cure, specifying the time when the former became communicants of his Parish, and whether by removal from some other Parish or otherwise.

SEC. 3. Every Minister shall, on or before the first day of every annual Convention, deliver or cause to be delivered to the Bishop of the Diocese, or if there be no Bishop, to the President of the Convention, a statement of the number of baptisms, marriages, funerals, and confirmations, within his cure, since the last Convention—and also the number of communicants—specifying the number of removals, deaths, and additions from other Churches, or otherwise, during the same time ; and also of the number of pupils and teachers connected with the Sunday Schools, and of all contributions for benevolent objects, by subscription or public collection : together with a concise statement of whatever other matters may be important in showing the state of the Parish.

SEC. 4. In every Parish destitute of a Minister, the register shall be kept by some person appointed by the Vestry for that purpose ; and the annual parochial reports shall be presented or forwarded to the Bishop, or the President of the Convention, if there be no Bishop, by the Wardens of the Parish.

CANON XII.

OF THE DIVISION OF A PARISH.

When any portion of a Parish in connexion with this Convention shall desire to be separated from the Parish to which they belong, and to be erected into a new Parish, they shall first secure the consent of the Parish, adopt Articles of Association, and apply to the Convention for admission. In case the Parish should not consent to the proposed division, the portion seeking for it shall make known the fact to the Convention, and the Convention shall then decide upon the expediency of separation.

CANON XIII.

OF THE TRIAL OF A CLERGYMAN.

SEC. 1. Any Priest or Deacon amenable to the ecclesiastical authority of this Diocese, may be presented for trial on charges for the following offences, viz:—1. Crime or immorality. 2. Holding and teaching publicly, or privately and advisedly, any doctrine contrary to that held by the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States. 3. Violation of the Constitution or Canons of the General Convention. 4. Violation of the Constitution or Canons of this Diocese. 5. Any act which involves a breach of his ordination vows.

SEC. 2. The proceedings shall commence by charges in writing ; and, except when the charge is holding and teaching doctrine contrary to that

held by this Church, shall be signed by either—1. The Vestrymen, or a majority of them, of the Parish whereof the accused is Minister. 2. Three male communicants of this Church in good standing, of whom one at least shall be a Presbyter. 3. Whenever a Minister of this Diocese shall have reason to believe that there are in circulation rumors, reports or charges, affecting his moral or religious character, he may, if he please, acting in conformity with the written advice and consent of any two Presbyters, demand of the Bishop to convene a board of inquiry in the mode hereinafter set forth, to investigate such rumors, reports and charges; and to proceed in all respects according to the provisions of this Canon, as if charges had been formally made in either of the two modes first mentioned in this section.

Whenever any charges are formally made in either of the modes first above mentioned, the accusers may, if they choose, select a lay communicant of this Church, of the profession of the law, to act as their adviser, advocate and agent, in preparing the accusation, proofs, &c., until such time as a board of inquiry is convened in such manner as is hereinafter provided for: or they may prepare such charges themselves, without regard to any particular form; and, in either case, the grounds of accusation must be set forth with reasonable certainty of time, place and circumstance.

SEC. 3. The charges having been prepared in either of the modes first above mentioned, shall then be delivered to the Bishop.

SEC. 4. The Standing Committee of the Diocese shall be a board for making preliminary enquiry, whenever such board shall be necessary.

Charges being preferred in the manner heretofore prescribed, the Bishop shall give notice thereof to every member of said Committee, and designate a time and place where they shall attend to act as a court of inquiry: it shall be the duty of every member so to attend, but a majority may proceed in the inquiry.

On assembling, the board shall organize by choosing from among themselves a President and Secretary, and shall also appoint a Church Advocate, who must be a lay communicant of this Church, and of the profession of the law, and who there forward shall, in all stages of the proceedings, if a trial be ordered, represent the Church; and be the party on the one hand, while the accused is the party on the other. The sittings of the board shall be private; the Church-Advocate shall not attend as prosecuting counsel, but shall be at all times at hand and in readiness to give his advice in all questions submitted to him by the board.

In conducting the investigation, the board shall hear the accusations and such proof as the accusers may produce; and shall determine whether upon matters of law and of fact, as presented to them, there is sufficient ground to put the accused upon his trial; and in such investigation, as well as in all cases of trial by an ecclesiastical court, now authorized, or hereafter to be authorized, the laws of the State of Alabama, so far as they relate to the law of evidence, shall be adopted and taken as the rules by which the said board or court shall be governed. If a majority of the board present on such investigation, shall be of opinion that there are sufficient grounds to put the accused on his trial, they shall direct the Church-Advocate to prepare a presentment to be

signed by such of the board as agree thereto; and to that end shall place in his hands all the charges, together with the testimony, that has been laid before the board.

The board shall then direct the Church-Advocate to transmit to the Bishop the presentment thus signed; and shall cause him also, without delay, to send to the accused a copy of the same, certified by the Church-Advocate to be correct.

If a majority of the board present shall be of opinion that there is not sufficient ground to put the accused on his trial, in such case the charges, together with a certificate of the President of the board of its refusal to make a presentment, shall be sent to the Secretary of the Convention, to be deposited among the archives of that house. And no proceedings shall thereafter be had by way of presentment on such charges, except upon the affidavit of a respectable communicant of the Church of the discovery of new testimony as to the facts charged, and setting forth what such testimony is.

No presentment shall be found in any case, unless the alleged offence shall have been committed within three years next before the day on which the charges were delivered to the Bishop. But if the accused shall have been convicted of the alleged offence in a State Court, notwithstanding three years may have elapsed since its commission, a presentment may be founded on charges delivered to the Bishop at any time within one year after such conviction.

If, from the offence charged, it shall appear that great scandal is likely to arise from the accused continuing to perform his services, the Bishop may, upon the presentment being made, inhibit him from performing ministerial services until sentence shall be given.

SEC. 5. There shall be an Ecclesiastical Court for the Diocese of Alabama, to try such charges as may be preferred against any Priest or Deacon of said Diocese. It shall be composed of five Presbyters, not members of the Standing Committee. They shall be appointed by the Bishop, by and with the advice and consent of a majority of the Diocesan Convention, during the present Convention, and every sixth year thereafter, and shall continue in office until others shall have been chosen in their places, unless sooner removed by a vote of the Convention.

The Bishop, by and with the advice and consent of the majority of the Convention, shall have power to fill all vacancies which may occur by such removals, or by death, resignation, removal from the Diocese, or election into the Episcopate or Standing Committee.

A presentment being made, the Bishop shall forthwith appoint a time and place for the assembling of the Court; the time being not less than one, nor more than four months from the date of the presentment. He shall also notify the accused of the same, and summon him then and there to appear and answer. He shall have power, until the Court assembles, upon the application of either party, to issue a summons for witnesses.

SEC. 6. The members of the Court, or a majority of them, having assembled according to the notice given them, which notice it is hereby made their duty to obey, shall proceed as follows, viz:—1. They shall elect a President out of their own number and appoint a member of the

Church as Clerk, and if necessary, another as assistant Clerk; and when thus organized, the President shall direct the Clerk to call the names of the Church Advocate and the accused, and if both appear, he shall then cause the Clerk to read the presentment, which was delivered to the Bishop, whose duty it is hereby made to deliver the same to the Court upon its organization. 2. The accused shall then be called upon by the Court to say whether he is guilty or not guilty of the offence or offences charged against him, and his plea shall be duly recorded; and on his neglect or refusal to plead, the plea of not guilty shall be entered for him, and the trial shall proceed:—*Provided*, that for sufficient cause, the Court may adjourn from time to time: *And provided also*, that the accused shall at all times, during the trial, have liberty to be present, and in due time and order to produce his testimony and to make his defence. 3. If the accused neglect or refuse to appear in person, according to the notice served on him as aforesaid, except for some reasonable cause to be allowed by the Court, they shall proceed to pronounce him in contumacy, and notify him that sentence of suspension or degradation will be pronounced against him at the expiration of three months, unless within that time he tender himself ready, and accordingly appear and take his trial on the presentment. But if the accused shall not tender himself before the expiration of the said three months, sentence of suspension, or degradation from the ministry, may be pronounced against him by the Bishop, being thereto advised by the Court. 4. The accused being present, and the trial proceeding, it shall be conducted according to the principles of the common law, as the same are generally administered in the United States; nor shall any testimony be received at the trial, except from witnesses who have signed a declaration in the following words, to be read aloud before the witness testifies, and to be filed with the records of the Court:

“I, A. B., a witness summoned to testify on the trial of a presentment against the Rev. —, a Clergyman of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, now pending, do most solemnly call God to witness that the evidence I am about to give shall be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth; so help me God!” And if it be necessary to take the testimony of an absent witness on a commission, such testimony shall be preceded by a similar written declaration of the witness, which shall be filed and transmitted, with his or her deposition, to the Court. The testimony of each witness shall be reduced to writing. And in case there is ground to suppose that the attendance of any witness on the trial cannot be obtained, it shall be lawful for either party to apply to the Court, if in session, or, if not, to any member thereof, who shall thereupon appoint a commissioner to take the deposition of such witness: And such party so desiring to take the deposition, shall give to the other party reasonable notice of the time and place of taking such deposition, accompanying such notice with the interrogatories to be propounded to the witness; whereupon it shall be lawful for the other party, within six days after such notice, to propound cross interrogatories; and such interrogatories and cross interrogatories, if any be propounded, shall be sent to the commissioner, who shall thereupon proceed to take the testimony of such witness, upon oath or affirmation,

and transmit it under seal to the Court. But no deposition shall be read at the trial, unless the Court have reasonable assurance that the attendance of the witness cannot be procured, or unless both parties shall consent that it may be read. *Provided*, that if the civil government shall authorize the Ecclesiastical Courts to issue summons for witnesses, or to administer an oath, the Court shall act in conformity to such laws. 5. All notices and papers may be served by a summoner or summoners, to be appointed by the Court when the same is in session, or by a member thereof; and the certificate of any such summoner shall be evidence of the due service of a notice or paper. In case of service by any other person, the fact may be proved by the affidavit of such person. The delivery of a written notice or paper to the accused party, or to the Church-Advocate, or leaving it, or a copy thereof, at the residence, or last known residence, of either, shall be deemed sufficient service of such notice or paper, on the Church-Advocate and accused respectively. 6. If the person to be served with any notice or paper shall have left the United States, it shall be a sufficient service thereof to leave a copy of such notice or paper at his last place of abode within the United States, thirty days before the day on which the appearance, or other act required by the said notice or paper, is to be performed. 7. The accused may, if he think proper, have the aid of counsel; and if he should choose to have more than one counsel, the Church-Advocate may have assistant Advocates, to be named by the accusers; but in every case the Court may regulate the number of counsel who shall address the Court or examine witnesses; the Church-Advocate shall be considered the party on one side and the accused on the other. 8. The Court having fully heard the allegations and proofs of the parties, and deliberately considered the same, after the parties have withdrawn, shall declare respectively, whether in their opinion, the accused is guilty or not guilty of each particular charge and specification contained in the presentment, in the order in which they are set forth; and the accused shall be considered as not guilty of every charge and specification of which he shall not be pronounced guilty by a majority of the members of the Court. The decision of the Court as to all the charges and specifications of which a majority of the members of the Court have found him guilty, shall be reduced to writing and signed by those who assent to it; and a decision pronouncing him not guilty of all those charges and specifications of which a majority shall not have pronounced him guilty, shall also be drawn up and signed by those who assent to it; and the decision thus signed shall be regarded as the judgment of the Court, and shall be pronounced in the presence of the parties if they shall think proper to attend. 9. If the accused shall be found guilty of any charge or specification, the Court shall proceed to ask him whether he has any thing to say before their judgment is finally rendered, and may, in their discretion, give him time to prepare what he wishes to say, and appoint a time for pronouncing their judgment; and before pronouncing judgment the Court may adjourn from time to time, and give the accused reasonable opportunity of showing cause to induce a belief that justice has not been done, or that he has discovered new testimony; and the Court or a majority of its members may, according to a sound discretion,

grant him a new trial. Before pronouncing judgment, the accused shall always have the opportunity of being heard, if he have aught to say, in excuse or palliation. 10. The accused having been heard, or not desiring to be heard, the judgment of the Court shall then be pronounced, and shall be either admonition, suspension as defined by the existing Canons of the Church, or degradation, as the offence or offences adjudged to be proved shall seem to deserve. The Court shall thereupon seal up their judgment, together with the evidence and record, and forward the same to the Bishop, who shall pronounce such canonical sentence as shall appear to him to be proper, provided the same shall not exceed in severity the sentence recommended by the Court. 11. Every Court shall keep a full record of its proceedings, including the whole evidence given before it. Should any Court refuse to insert in its record a statement of any testimony which has been received, or of any decision which the Court has made, or of any fact which has occurred in Court, or any paper which either party has produced, it shall be the right of either party to file an exception in writing, containing a statement of such evidence, decision or fact, or referring to, or describing, such paper, which paper shall also be filed with the exception. All exceptions and papers so filed shall become parts of the record. 12. Such records shall be kept by the Clerk and inserted in a book, to be attested by the signatures of the President and Clerk. Every such book, and all papers connected with any trial, shall be deposited with the Secretary of the Convention. Such books and papers shall be open to the inspection of every member of the Church. 13. Every Court constituted under the authority of this Canon, may be attended by one or more lay advisers, who shall be communicants of this Church, and of the profession of the law. Such advisers may be present at all the proceedings of the Court, but they shall have no vote in any case whatever; it shall be their duty to give in person to the Court an opinion on any question, not theological, upon which the Court, or any member thereof, or either party, shall desire an opinion. If a dispute shall arise whether any question be or be not theological, it shall be decided by the Court by a majority of votes. The Court may always, by unanimous consent, appoint an adviser or advisers. If they are not unanimous, each member of the Court may name a candidate, if not more than three are named, they all shall be advisers; if more than three are named, the Court shall reduce them to three by lot.

SEC. 7. Any Minister may be presented for holding and teaching doctrine inconsistent with that of this Church, by a Presbyter of good standing, but in no other mode, nor shall it be lawful for two or more persons to unite in such presentment. The trial shall proceed as in other cases, except in these particulars, viz:

1. The person making such presentment shall appoint a Church Advocate.
2. The Board of Inquiry shall consist of the Clerical members of the Standing Committee.
3. The trial may be at any time not exceeding one year after the date of the presentment.
4. The Court shall consist of all the Presbyters entitled to seats in the Convention: a majority shall constitute a quorum, but the consent of two-thirds of the members present shall be necessary to a conviction.

SEC. 8. All former Canons of the trial of a Clergyman are hereby repealed.

CANON XIV.**CANDIDATES FOR ORDERS INELIGIBLE TO THE CONVENTION OF THE
DIOCESE.**

No person, who is a candidate for Holy Orders in the Church, shall be permitted to accept an appointment as Delegate to the Convention of the Diocese.

CANON XV.**ALTERATIONS OF THE CANONS AND ADDITIONS THERETO.**

No proposed alteration of, or addition to, the Canons shall hereafter be considered by the Convention, (unless by unanimous consent,) without at least one day's notice thereof in open Convention; nor shall such alteration or addition be adopted during the same Convention, if two-thirds of the votes of both orders shall not concur therein, but in such case the same shall lie over for consideration until the next annual meeting of the Convention.

CANON XVI.

All former Canons are hereby repealed.

Rules of Order.

RULE 1.—The business of the first day of the Session of every Convention shall be introduced by the Morning Service of the Church, read by the President, or by a clerical member appointed by him; a Sermon and the administration of the Holy Communion: and that of each succeeding day by such prayers as he may select from the Liturgy.

RULE 2.—The order of transacting the business of the Convention shall be—First, the appointment of a President (if there be no Bishop, or if he be absent,) and a Secretary *pro tem*. The Secretary shall then call, in alphabetical order, the names of the Clergy entitled to seats. He shall next call the Churches entitled to representation, when the Delegates shall lay their certificates on the Secretary's table. These shall be referred to a Committee of three, who shall forthwith examine them and report to the Convention. A constitutional quorum having been found present, the President shall declare the Convention duly organized.

RULE 3.—The further order of business shall be as follows: 1. The appointment of a President from among the clerical members present, (if there be no Bishop, or if he be absent.) 2. The appointment of a Secretary. 3. The consideration of the application of Churches or Parishes for admission into union with the Convention. 4. The appointment, by the President, of Standing Committees, viz: the Committee on the State of the Church—The Committee on Canons—the Committee on Finance—the Committee on Unfinished Business. 5. The annual Communication of the Standing Committee of the Diocese. 6. The annual Address of the Bishop, (if there be one, and he be present.) 7. The reports of Committees appointed at the last Convention, with instructions to report at this Convention. 8. The reading of the Parochial Reports. 9. The election of the Standing Committee of the Diocese, by ballot. 10. The election of Delegates to the General Convention, by ballot. 11. Reports to be called for. 12. Miscellaneous business.

RULE 4.—When the President takes the chair, no member shall continue standing, or shall stand up unless to address the President.

RULE 5.—When a member is about to speak in debate, or present any subject to the Convention, he shall, with due respect, address himself to the President, confining himself strictly to the matter under consideration.

RULE 6.—No member shall absent himself from the sessions of the Convention, unless he have leave of the President, or be unable to attend.

RULE 7.—No member shall speak more than twice upon the subject in debate, unless he have leave of the Convention.

RULE 8.—A question being once determined, shall stand as the decision of the Convention, and shall not be again discussed, unless with the consent of two-thirds of the Convention; *Provided, however*, that any member of the Convention voting in the affirmative, may, on the same day on which the vote is taken, move for a reconsideration of the same vote.

RULE 9.—No motion shall be debated, or be considered before the Convention, (except a motion to adjourn,) unless seconded, and reduced to writing (if requested) by the mover, and read by the Secretary.

RULE 10.—When a motion is under consideration, no other motion shall be made, except to amend, to divide, to commit, or to postpone. A motion to adjourn however, shall always be in order and decided without debate.

RULE 11.—A question on amendment shall be decided before the original motion.

RULE 12.—Every member who shall be present, when the question is put, shall vote, unless he be personally interested, or be excused from voting by the Convention.

Diocesan Officers.

Standing Committee.

Rev. J. M. MITCHELL, Montgomery, President.

Rev. GEO. F. CUSHMAN, Secretary.

Rev. J. H. TICKNOR,

A. R. BELL,

M. J. CONLEY,

S. G. JONES.

Executive Committee of the Diocesan Missionary Society.

Rt. Rev. N. H. COBBS, D. D.

Rev. F. B. LEE,

A. W. ELLERBE,

Rev. J. A. MASSEY,

M. J. CONLEY.

Rev. GEO. F. CUSHMAN.

Treasurer—THOS. W. MCCOY, Mobile.

Trustees of the Bishop's Fund.

A. W. ELLERBE, Treasurer, Liberty Hill, Dallas County.

H. L. ALISON, Carlowville.

SAML. G. JONES, Montgomery.

Court for the Trial of Clergymen.

Rev. F. B. LEE,

Rev. F. R. HANSON,

Rev. H. C. LAY,

Rev. J. A. MASSEY,

Rev. J. M. BANISTER.

Secretary and Treasurer of the Convention.

HENRY A. TAYLOR, Macon, Marengo County.

Treasurer of the Society for the Relief of Disabled Clergymen, &c.

GEORGE P. BIERNE, Huntsville.

☞ The next Annual Convention will be held in Huntsville, on the third Thursday in May, 1858.

Journal of the Proceedings
OF THE
SOCIETY FOR THE RELIEF OF DISABLED CLERGYMEN,
AND OF THE WIDOWS AND ORPHANS OF DECEASED CLERGY-
MEN OF THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH,
IN THE DIOCESE OF ALABAMA.

TRINITY CHURCH, MOBILE, }
 Friday, May 2d, 1856. }

After the adjournment of the Convention, the Society for the Relief of Disabled Clergymen, and Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen, was called to order by the Rt. Rev. N. H. COBBS, D. D., President of the Society. The roll was called by the former Secretary, and the following members were in attendance :

Rt. Rev. N. H. COBBS, D. D.

Rev. Messrs. LEE, HANSON, LAY, MASSEY, MITCHELL, COBBS, LEACOCK, NEVIUS and CUSHMAN, of the Clergy, and Messrs. TAYLOR, ALISON, CONLEY, ELLERBE, MINGE, and CROOM.

The Society proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year. The Rt. Rev. N. H. COBBS, D. D., was unanimously elected President, and HENRY A. TAYLOR reelected Secretary. The former Treasurer declining an election, GEORGE P. BIERNE was nominated and unanimously elected Treasurer.

The account of the Treasurer was presented, and referred to a Committee consisting of Messrs. MINGE, ALISON and ELLERBE.

The Committee reported said account to be correct.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the thanks of the Society be returned to HENRY A. TAYLOR, late Treasurer, for his valuable and efficient services.

The following resolution was then presented, and on motion, referred to a Committee of five persons, with instructions to report on Monday morning :

Resolved, That a Life Insurance purchased by a Parish, extends to but one life beneficiary, and must be renewed to be again available.

The President appointed Rev. Messrs. LEE, HANSON, LAY, and Messrs. ALISON and ELLERBE said Committee.

On motion, the Society adjourned until 9 o'clock, A. M., Monday.

N. H. COBBS, President.

HENRY A. TAYLOR, Secretary.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, MONTGOMERY, }
Friday, May 8th, 1857. }

After the adjournment of the Convention, the Society for the Relief of Disabled Clergymen, and Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen, was called to order by its President.

The President called the Rev. F. R. HANSON to the Chair.

The following resolution, offered last year—

Resolved, That a Life Insurance purchased by a Parish, extends to but one life beneficiary, and must be renewed to be again available—

Was taken up and discussed.

After some discussion, it was, on motion, adopted.

On motion, the Society proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year.

The Rt. Rev. N. H. COBBS, D. D., was elected President.

GEORGE P. BEIRNE, " " Treasurer.

HENRY A. TAYLOE, " " Secretary.

On motion, the Society adjourned until to-morrow.

HENRY A. TAYLOE, Secretary.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, MONTGOMERY, }
Saturday, May 9th, 1857. }

After the adjournment of the Convention, the Society for the Relief of Widows and Orphans, &c., met pursuant to adjournment. Rt. Rev. N. H. COBBS, D. D., took the Chair.

The following resolution was presented by the Rev. H. C. LAY :

Resolved, That for and in consideration of five hundred dollars received from St. Paul's Church, Carlowville, they shall be entitled to receive, in the contingencies recognized by the Constitution, the largest annuity allowed by said Constitution to a member of the \$40 class. Such benefits, however, not to extend beyond the case of the first minister who shall receive such annuity ; provided, however, that this arrangement shall not be taken for a precedent.

The Treasurer presented his annual report of its Finances.

The President appointed the Rev. J. M. BANISTER to preach the next Annual Sermon, and Rev. J. M. MITCHELL, Alternate.

On motion, the Society adjourned, *sine die*.

N. H. COBBS, President.

HENRY A. TAYLOE, Secretary.

MEMBERS

OF THE

Society for the Relief of Disabled Clergymen, and of the Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Alabama.

- 1846.—Rt. Rev. N. H. COBBS, D. D., life member; Rev. F. B. LEE, Rev. J. A. MASSEY, Rev. F. R. HANSON; H. L. ALISON, H. A. TAYLOR.
- 1847.—Rev. J. M. MITCHELL; Dr. PAUL LEE, M. J. CONLEY, J. SIMPSON, life member; DAVID MINGE.
- 1848.—Rev. R. A. COBBS, Dr. L. H. ANDERSON, life member; E. W. PECK.
- 1849.—Rev. H. C. LAY, Rev. J. M. ROBERTSON; JOHN P. BROUN, A. W. ELLERBE, THOMAS B. TAYLOR.
- 1850.—EMANUEL JONES.
- 1853.—W. W. LANG, life member; J. W. CLAY.
- 1854.—R. P. MCCORD, J. D. ALISON, Mrs. A. J. LEE.
- 1855.—Rev. B. B. LEACOCK, life member; Rev. R. D. NEVIUS, Rev. GEO. F. CUSHMAN; C. L. STICKNEY, Dr. H. E. CURTIS, WM. MORETON DYER, ISAAC CROOM, Mrs. SAWYER, Mrs. S. E. PASTEUR, Mrs. AVERY, Mrs. THOMAS POE.
- 1856.—Rev. J. H. INGRAHAM, Rev. GEORGE W. STICKNEY; Mrs. M. C. LOCKWOOD, Mrs. ABBY BROUN.
- 1857.—*Life Members*—Mrs. SARAH A. MUNROE, C. T. POLLARD, JAMES MARX, BENJAMIN H. MICOU. *Annual Members*—S. G. JONES, Mrs. THOMAS B. TAYLOR, Miss JANE RANDOLPH, D. W. PITTS, A. R. BELL, Miss MARY MARX, JAMES CALDWELL, EDWARD A. SEMPLE, P. T. SAYRE, JOHN W. SHEPHERD, Mrs. JOHN W. SHEPHERD.

Rev. J. M. BANISTER, Preacher.

Rev. J. M. MITCHELL, Alternate.

SOCIETY FOR THE RELIEF OF WIDOWS AND ORPHANS OF DECEASED CLERGYMEN,

In Account with HENRY A. TAYLOR, late Treasurer.

DR.

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| 1856.—Nov. 11.— | To cash remitted Geo. P. Beirne, Treasurer,..... | \$1,388 36 |
| 1857.—Jan. 10.— | " " " " " " " " | 427 27 |
| " 30.— | " " " " " " " " | 20 00 |
| Feb. 17.— | " " " " " " " " | 1,077 45 |
| " 17.— | " " " " " " " " | 56 70 |
| May 7.— | " " " " " " " " | 181 36 |
| " 7.— | " securities taken by late Treasurer, now delivered to Geo. P. Beirne, viz: Rev. R. A. Cobbs' note, (interest paid to July 1, 1857,).....\$ 50 00 Order of E. F. Montague, on Walker, Mead & Co., due 20th Jan., 1858.... 364 25— | |
| | | 414 25 |
| | | <hr/> \$3,565 39 |

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| May | 1.—By | balance,..... | \$ | 146 | 15 |
| " | 4.—" | cash of members' subscription,..... | | 320 | 80 |
| " | 4.—" | legacy of Mrs. Bagshaw for benefit of Rev. J. M. Banister,..... | | 100 | 00 |
| " | 4.—" | collection in Trinity Church, Mobile,..... | | 160 | 00 |
| " | 4.—" | interest,..... | | 4 | 00 |
| " | 4.—" | Church of the Nativity, Huntsville,..... | | 30 | 25 |
| " | 20.—" | 2 years interest on \$845 82,..... | | 57 | 53 |
| Sep. | 16.—" | note collected with interest,..... | | 16 | 60 |
| Oct. | 1.—" | notes " " " | | 553 | 03 |
| 1857. | | | | | |
| Jan. | 4.—" | note " " " | | 427 | 27 |
| " | 4.—" | Thomas B. Taylor,..... | | 15 | 00 |
| " | 21.—" | C. L. Stickney,..... | | 5 | 00 |
| Feb. | 10.—" | note collected with interest,..... | | 1,077 | 45 |
| " | 10.—" | Exchange, | | 56 | 70 |
| May | 7.—" | R. A. Cobbs' interest on his note of \$50,..... | | 4 | 00 |
| " | 7.—" | David Minge's note collected and interest,..... | | 177 | 36 |
| | | " securities still uncollected, viz: R. A. Cobbs' note, \$ 50 00 | | | |
| | | " E. F. Montague's order on Walker, Mead | | | |
| | | & Co., payable on the 20th Jan., 1858, | | | |
| | | for the amount of his note,..... \$845 82 | | | |
| " | | Interest to 20th Jan., 1858,..... 18 43—\$364 25— | | 414 | 25 |
| | | | | <hr/> | |
| | | | | \$3,565 39 | |

The above closes the accounts of the late Treasurer, and shows the amount of the fund paid by him to the present Treasurer.

HENRY A. TAYLOR

Montgomery, May 11th, 1857.

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| Amount reported on hand May 1st, 1856,..... | \$2,667 80 |
| By Clerical members entitled to benefits,..... | \$ 605 00 |
| " Life members,..... | 200 00 |
| " Annual members,..... | 860 00 |
| " Contributions and collections,..... | 471 20 |
| " Profits of interest,..... | 552 59 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$2,688 79 |
| To expenses, | 20 99 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$2,667 80 |

GEO. P. BEIRNE, Treasurer,

*In account with the Society for the Relief of Widows
and Orphans, &c., of the Diocese of Alabama.*

1857.

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|-----------------|-----------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| Jan. 15. | To | Cash of H. A. Tayloe, late Treasurer, | \$1,848 | 04 |
| Feb. 28. | " | " " " " " " | 1,120 | 84 |
| May 18. | " | " same, balance of money and notes in his hands, | 595 | 61 |
| " 10. | " | St. Paul's Church, Carlisle, under resolution of the Soc'y. | 500 | 00 |
| " 10. | " | Contributions, collected after annual sermon, | \$161 | 65 |
| | " | " from St. Paul's, Selma, | 5 | 00— 166 65 |

Members entitled to benefits, viz:

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|-------------------------------------------------|------|--------|
| Rt. Rev. N. H. Cobba, for payment of 1857,..... | \$40 | |
| in part for 1858, (through a friend,)..... | 5 | |
| Rev. F. R. Hanson, for payment of 1857,..... | 40 | |
| “ F. B. Lee, “ “ “ 1857,..... | 40 | |
| in part for 1858, (through a friend,)... | 5 | |
| Rev. H. C. Lay, for payment of 1857,..... | 40 | |
| in part for 1858, (through a friend,)... | 5 | |
| Rev J. M. Mitchell, for payment of 1857,..... | 20 | |
| “ G. W. Stickney, “ “ 1857,..... | 10— | 205 00 |

Members not entitled to benefit, viz:

| | | |
|-----------------------------------------|-----|--------|
| Life members—Mrs. Sarah A. Monroe,..... | 50 | |
| C. T. Pollard,..... | 50 | |
| James Marx,..... | 50 | |
| David H. Micou,..... | 50— | 200 00 |

Members paying annually:

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|----------------------------|-----|-------------------------|-----|
| Rev. Geo. F. Cushman,..... | \$5 | James Caldwell,..... | \$5 |
| H. A. Tayloe,..... | 5 | Edw'd. A. Semple,... | 5 |
| David Minge,..... | 5 | A. W. Ellerbe,..... | 5 |
| M. J. Conley,..... | 5 | J. W. Shepherd,..... | 5 |
| H. L. Alison,..... | 5 | Mrs. Thos. Poe,..... | 10 |
| J. D. Alison,..... | 5 | Mrs. Wm. Marx,..... | 10 |
| S. G. Jones,..... | 5 | Mrs. M. C. Lockwood, | 5 |
| T. B. Taylor,..... | 5 | Mrs. Anna L. Lee,... | 5 |
| C. L. Stickney,..... | 5 | Miss Jane Randolph,.. | 5 |
| J. P. Broun,..... | 5 | Mrs P. T. Sayre,..... | 5 |
| R. P. McCord,..... | 5 | Miss Mary Marx,..... | 5 |
| Paul Lee,..... | 5 | Mrs. J. W. Shepherd,. . | 5 |
| E. W. Peck,..... | 5 | Mrs. J. P. Broun,..... | 5 |
| D. W. Pitts,..... | 5 | Mrs. Eliza C. Knox,.. | 5— |
| A. R. Bell,..... | 5 | | |

155 00

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1857.

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| Jan. 15.— | Loaned Memphis and Charleston Railroad Company, at 8 per cent. from date, payable annually,..... | \$1,848 94 |
| Feb. 28.— | Loaned M. and C. Railroad as above,..... | 1,120 84 |
| May 1.— | Note of R. A. Cobba, due 1st July, 1858, rec'd. of late Treasurer, | 50 00 |
| " " | Order of E. F. Montague, due 20th January, 1858, received of late Treasurer,..... | 364 25 |
| " " | Note of H. L. Alison, payable 1st May, 1858, with interest from date, taken in part for Carlowville payment of \$500,..... | 150 00 |
| | Cash in hand,..... | 1,258 01 |
| | | <hr/> \$4,792 04 |

A Pastoral Letter.

TO THE CLERGY AND MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH IN ALABAMA.

DEAR BRETHREN :

Permit me to address you very briefly, but most earnestly, on a subject deeply affecting the welfare of the Church in this Diocese. I wish to bring to your notice the painful and discouraging fact, that few, very few, young men are entering the ranks of the Ministry, and that, so long as this is the case, your Bishop can have but little hope for the extension of the Church. In this Diocese, where there are so many open and inviting fields, we have but four candidates for Holy Orders. Why is this? Evidently there is a great fault somewhere on the part of the Church.

May not one reason be, that from the members of the Church there goes up no voice of prayer for an increase of Ministers? It is the injunction of the Saviour, "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth laborers into his harvest." Now, we would solemnly ask, is this command of the Saviour thought of? Is it respected? Is it obeyed? Although the Lord is ever ready to bestow grace and mercy, yet does he not tell us "that He will be inquired of by the house of Israel, to do it for them"? Have we any right to expect an increase of Ministers, or any extensive growth of the Church, when this injunction of the Saviour has been disregarded? when we have never felt interest enough in the Church to offer up one earnest prayer for the increase of the Ministry? Ah! how thoughtless, and selfish, and worldly have we been! How feeble has been our faith! How cold has been our love, that we should look unmoved on the spiritual desolations around us, and not offer up one prayer, that the Lord would send forth laborers into His harvest! Strange it is, that while acting in this manner, we should persuade ourselves that we love Christ and His Church.

Dear Brethren, let us awake to a sense of our duty on this subject. Let our hearts be stirred within us. Let us earnestly, frequently, and perseveringly pray for an increase of laborers. Let us realize that this is a duty commanded of Christ. Let us set our hearts upon it. Let us

rise above our selfishness, our worldliness, and let us think, and feel, and care, and pray, for the spread of the Church. What greater blessing can we ask for ourselves, for our children, for our country, than that our Church should be extended and flourish?

Again, as one of the means of increasing the ranks of the Ministry, we would urge upon members of the Church to look around amongst their friends and acquaintances, and from time to time to inquire who among them may seem worthy to be called to the Ministry, and to confer with such. Oftentimes men are to be found willing and anxious to enter the Ministry; but they are diffident, they think themselves not fully qualified, or they are hampered and hindered by domestic impediments. Now, if these men were sought out, and encouraged, and assisted, many of them might be induced to take orders, and might prove faithful and useful Ministers of the Lord Jesus Christ. And for such a course, we have the high authority of Apostolic example: for on the occasion of the appointment of Deacons, the Apostles gave the following direction to the brethren, "Wherefore look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business." And in looking around for fit persons, we should not confine ourselves exclusively to the young. There are many men, settled in life, in the meridian of their years, surrounded by families, who might be called and be eminently useful in the Ministry. Peter was a married man when he was chosen of the Lord to be a disciple; and who of the Apostles was more zealous, or more faithful, or more useful than he? In our own day, a Newton and a Milnor, a Ravenscroft and a Moore, and many others that might be named, had reached the meridian of life, and were married men, when they were called to enter the Ministry. And yet, who have been more useful than they?

Ah! we know not how many earnest men might be found, with eminent qualifications for the Ministry, if there were an awakened spirit of inquiry on the part of the members of the Church—if the Clergy, especially, would realize that it was not only their duty to call sinners to repentance, but to seek out and to encourage fit men for the Ministry.

But after all, the main hope for a supply of Ministers, must be in parental influence, and more particularly the influence of the mother. We may found Schools and Colleges in indefinite numbers—we may multiply Bishops and send them far and wide over the land; but it will be to little purpose till the hearts of parents, of mothers, are interested in the supply of Ministers. If we wish to have a Samuel, there must be a Hannah to consecrate him to God's service. If we expect to have a

Timothy, there must be a Louis and Eunice, to teach him the faith of the Gospel.

Here, then, is the *real* difficulty in obtaining a supply of Ministers. It is in the indifference, the worldliness of parents. Parents wish their sons to be rich men, to be distinguished men in worldly pursuits and offices, but they have no thought, nor care, nor wish, that their sons should be Ministers and Priests of God. Nay, they discourage every tendency and inclination in that direction. Ah! yes—many a youth, called and drawn by the Spirit of God—has had all his pious sensibilities deadened, and every holy aspiration crushed by the worldliness, the ambition, the avarice of parents who thought and called themselves Christians. We would here solemnly bring this subject to the hearts and consciences of parents. We would especially appeal to mothers, and in the name of Christ, and in behalf of his needy, suffering Church, we would beseech them to lend their influence to aid in strengthening the ranks of the Ministry. Great is the influence of mothers. Almost all the great, and good, and noble, and holy men, that have adorned the Church, and blessed their age and generation, have been shaped and moulded by a mother's influence. Let mothers, then, realize their responsibilities; let them, like Hannah, consecrate their sons to the service of God; let it be their study and ambition, their heart's desire and prayer to God, that their sons should become faithful Ministers of Jesus Christ. Let the sons see and know and feel that the hearts of mothers are earnestly set on this object. Let them grow up under the constant force and pressure of this maternal feeling and desire. Ah! when once mothers feel and act in this manner—when once they set their hearts on seeing their sons holy and faithful Ministers of Christ, we shall soon behold a blessed and a glorious change. Our thin, and feeble, and dispirited ranks will soon be filled up. Year after year a noble and gallant band will go forth, bearing aloft the "banner of the cross," and publishing throughout the land the glad tidings of salvation; and our Church, now feeble and almost unknown, will spread and grow till she will become the joy and excellency of the earth.

N. H. COBBS.

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| NAMES OF PARISHES. | When admitted into Union. | Baptisms | | | | | Confirm'd. | | | Census | |
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| | | Adults. | Infants. | Adults. | Infants. | | | | | | |
| Christ Church, Mobile..... | 1880 | 1 | 25 | | | 26 | 19 | | 19 | 223 | |
| Christ Church, Tuscaloosa..... | 1880 | | 4 | 4 | 9 | 11 | 9 | 2 | 11 | 63 | 10 |
| St. Paul's Church, Greensboro',..... | 1880 | 1 | 4 | | | 5 | 3 | | 3 | 80 | |
| Trinity Church, Demopolis..... | 1886 | | 1 | | 14 | 15 | 3 | | 3 | 14 | |
| St. James' Church, Livingston..... | 1886 | | 1 | | | 1 | | | | 46 | |
| St. John's Church, Montgomery..... | 1887 | 4 | 10 | | 17 | 40 | 17 | | 17 | 183 | 4 |
| St. Wilfrid's Church, Marion..... | 1888 | 4 | 11 | 1 | | 16 | 13 | 1 | 14 | 54 | |
| St. Peter's Church, Lowndes County... | 1888 | | 4 | 3 | | 7 | 3 | | 3 | 12 | |
| St. Paul's Church, Selma..... | 1888 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 7 | 3 | | 3 | 41 | |
| St. Luke's Church, Cahaba..... | 1889 | | 2 | 1 | | 3 | | | | 35 | |
| St. Paul's Church, Carlowville..... | 1889 | 1 | 7 | | 8 | 16 | 2 | | 2 | 43 | |
| *St. John's Church, Tusculumia..... | 1840 | | | | | | | | | | |
| *Trinity Church, Florence..... | 1840 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Church of the Nativity, Huntsville... | 1843 | 2 | 10 | | 1 | 13 | 11 | | 11 | 58 | 1 |
| St. David's Church, Dallas County... | 1844 | | | | | | | | | | |
| *St. Andrew's Church, Macon..... | 1844 | | | | | | | | | 19 | |
| Church of the Holy Cross, Uniontown... | 1845 | | 3 | | 32 | 35 | 1 | | 1 | 22 | |
| *St. James' Church, Eufaula..... | 1845 | | | | | | | | | | |
| St. John's Church, in the Wilderness... | 1845 | 22 | 3 | | | 25 | | | | 1 | 30 |
| *St. Stephen's Eutaw..... | 1846 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Trinity Church, Mobile..... | 1847 | 3 | 42 | 1 | 5 | 51 | 23 | | 23 | 193 | |
| St. Mark's Church, Greene County... | 1847 | | 1 | | | 1 | | | | 14 | |
| St. Luke's Church, Jacksonville..... | 1849 | | 6 | | | 6 | 6 | | 6 | 23 | |
| *St. John's Church, Eytan..... | 1851 | | | | | | | | | | |
| St. Michael's Church, Marengo County... | 1853 | | 1 | | | 1 | 2 | | 2 | 21 | |
| St. John's Church, Mobile..... | 1854 | 3 | 47 | | | 50 | 43 | | 43 | † | |
| St. Mary's Church, Camden..... | 1855 | 1 | 2 | | | 3 | | | | 10 | |
| St. Paul's Church, Lowndeshoro',..... | 1856 | | | | | | 2 | | 2 | 14 | |
| *Grace Church, St. Stephens..... | 1856 | | | | | | | | | | |
| St. Mary's Church, Mobile..... | 1857 | 3 | 3 | | | 6 | 5 | | 5 | 7 | |
| Church of the Good Shepherd, Mobile... | | 6 | 11 | | | 17 | 6 | | 6 | 50 | |
| St. John's Church, Madison County... | | 4 | 4 | | 1 | 9 | 4 | | 4 | 9 | |
| St. Mark's Church, Madison County... | | 2 | 5 | | | 7 | 4 | | 4 | 10 | |
| Trinity Church, Auburn..... | | | 2 | | | 2 | | | | 8 | |
| Spring Hill Mission, Mobile..... | | | | | 1 | 1 | | | | 3 | 5 |
| Ashville, St. Clair County..... | | | | | | | | | | 4 | |
| Bellefonte and Guntersville..... | | | | | | | | | | 12 | |
| | | 58 | 229 | 11 | 83 | 374 | 178 | 9 | 182 | 1161 | 99 |

* No statistics.

† No revised list—2 added.

| Cohort. | | Bishop's Agreement. | | Contingent Agreement. | | Diocesan Missionary Society. | | Domestic Missions. | | Foreign Missions. | | Church purposes generally. | | Ch. Book Society and S. S. Union. | | Widows' and Orphans' Society. | |
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| Christ Church, Mobile..... | 1830 | 1 | 25 | | | 26 | 19 | | 19 | 223 | | 21 |
| Christ Church, Tusculooa..... | 1830 | | 4 | 4 | 8 | 11 | 9 | 2 | 11 | 63 | 10 | |
| St. Paul's Church, Greensboro',..... | 1830 | 1 | 4 | | | 5 | 8 | | 8 | 60 | | |
| Trinity Church, Demopolis,..... | 1835 | | 1 | | 14 | 15 | 3 | | 3 | 14 | | |
| St. James' Church, Livingston..... | 1836 | | 1 | | | 1 | | | | 46 | | |
| St. John's Church, Montgomery..... | 1837 | 4 | 19 | | 17 | 40 | 17 | | 17 | 188 | 4 | |
| St. Wilfrid's Church, Marion..... | 1838 | 4 | 11 | 1 | | 16 | 13 | 1 | 14 | 54 | 3 | 6 |
| St. Peter's Church, Lowndes County..... | 1838 | | 4 | 3 | | 7 | 8 | | 8 | 13 | | |
| St. Paul's Church, Selma..... | 1838 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 7 | 3 | | 3 | 41 | | 1 |
| St. Luke's Church, Cahaba..... | 1839 | | 2 | 1 | | 3 | | | | 85 | | |
| St. Paul's Church, Carlowville..... | 1839 | 1 | 7 | | 8 | 16 | 2 | | 2 | 43 | 6 | |
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List of Clergy in the Diocese of Alabama.

IN ATTENDANCE.

- Rt. Rev. N. H. COBBS, D. D.,.....St. John's Church, Montgomery.
- R. A. COBBS,.....Church of the Holy Cross, Uniontown.
- R. H. COBBS, Deacon, Assistant to Rector of Church of the Nativity, and Missionary in and around Huntsville.
- GEO. F. CUSHMAN,.....St. Luke's, Cahaba.
- F. R. HANSON,.....St. Andrew's, Macon.
- H. C. LAY, D. D.,.....Church of the Nativity, Huntsville.
- J. M. MITCHELL,.....Assistant Minister St. John's, Montgomery.
- T. A. MORRIS,.....St. Luke's, Jacksonville.
- R. D. NEVIUS,.....Christ Church, Tuskaloosa.
- J. M. ROBERTSON,.....St. John's, Madison Co.
- W. A. STICKNEY,.....St. Wilfrid's, Marion.
- *H. F. M. WHITESIDES,.....St. John's, Tuscumbia.

NOT IN ATTENDANCE.

- J. M. BANISTER,.....St. Paul's, Greensboro'.
- THOS. A. COOK,.....Talladega.
- EDWARD DENNISTON,.....Missionary at Auburn and Vicinity.
- CHAS. A. DERBY, Deacon,.....St. Stephen's, Eutaw.
- W. D. HARLOW,.....Trinity Church, Florence.
- B. B. LEACOCK,.....Christ Church, Mobile.
- F. B. LEE,.....St. Paul's, Carlowville.
- J. A. MASSEY,.....Trinity Church, Mobile.
- A. MENÆOS,.....Missionary in Washington and Choctaw Counties.
- J. J. NICHOLSON,.....Missionary at Spring Hill.
- W. J. PERDUE,.....St. Peter's, Lowndes Co.
- H. N. PIERCE,.....St. John's, Mobile.
- J. B. RAMSDELL,.....
- S. U. SMITH,.....St. James', Livingston.
- GEO. W. STICKNEY, St. Mary's, Summerville, and Missionary at Church of the Good Shepherd.
- J. H. TICKNOR,.....St. Paul's, Selma.

* Present, but not entitled to a seat.

List of Lay Delegates.

Christ Church, Mobile.

*ROBERT S. BUNKER,
H. A. LOWE,
HENRY BARNEWALL,
S. L. LOCKWOOD,
H. FARROW.

St. James' Church, Livingston.

*L. H. ANDERSON,
B. B. LITTLE,
W. B. WETMORE,
THOS. COBBS.

St. John's Church, Montgomery.

C. T. POLLARD,
T. B. TAYLOR,
*JOHN D. PHELAN,
*M. J. CONLEY,
*R. A. COLCLOUGH.

St. Luke's Church, Cahaba.

E. M. PERINE,
A. DUKE,
*D. S. TROY,
W. H. BEATTY,
W. L. SALTMARSH.

St. David's Church, Dallas Co.

*A. W. ELLERBE.

St. Andrew's Church, Macon.

*H. A. TAYLOR.

St. Wilfrid's Church, Marion.

L. H. SEAWELL,
JOS. P. SEAWELL,
G. WHITFIELD.

St. John's Church, Tuscumbia.

*W. H. NEWSUM.

Trinity Church, Florence.

*J. E. MOORE.

Church of the Nativity, Huntsvil.

*JOHN READ,
*J. W. CLAY,
P. M. DOX,
*L. P. WALKER,
*V. M. ROBERTSON.

St. Stephen's Church, Eutaw.

*W. F. PIERCE,
GARDNER ELLIOTT,
ALEX. JARVIS.

St. Paul's Church, Lowndesboro'.

J. F. HEARNE,
G. C. FREEMAN,
MALLET DOUGLASS.

Grace Church, St. Stephen's.

*M. M. FLETCHER,
L. J. WILSON,
G. F. SALLE,
R. H. COLEMAN,
*R. J. FLETCHER.

St. John's Church, Madison Coun.

*JOHN SEAY,
J. M. WILSON.

St. Luke's Church, Jacksonville.

J. B. FORNEY,
R. J. M. PERKINS,
D. HOKE.

St. Paul's Church, Selma.

R. N. PHILPOT,
A. G. MABRY,
W. H. EAGAR,
WM. WADDILL, Jr.

*Those marked thus were in attendance.

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OF

THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CONVENTION.

CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY, HUNTSVILLE, ALA., }
Thursday, May 20th, 1858. }

THIS being the day appointed for the meeting of the Twenty-Seventh Annual Convention of the Diocese of Alabama, the Clergy and Laity assembled in the Church of the Nativity—Divine Service commenced at 10½ A. M. Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. F. R. HANSON, and the ante-Communion Service by the Rt. Rev. N. H. COBBS, D. D.—the Rt. Rev. JAMES H. OTEY, D. D., of the Diocese of Tennessee, reading the Gospel. The Sermon was preached by the Rev. GEO. F. CUSHMAN, from the 7th chapter of St. John's Gospel, 16th verse:

“Jesus answered them, and said, My doctrine is not mine, but his that sent me.”

After the Sermon, the Rt. Rev. Bishops COBBS and OTEY read the ante-Communion Service and administered the Holy Communion, assisted in the distribution of the elements by the Rev. H. C. LAY, D. D.

After the Benediction, the Convention was called to order by the Rt. Rev. N. H. COBBS, D. D. On motion, HENRY A. TAYLOR was elected Secretary *pro tem*. The Bishop then presented a list of the Clergy canonically connected with the Diocese.

Rt. Rev. N. H. COBBS, D. D., Montgomery.

Rev. J. M. BANISTER, St. Paul's Church, Greensboro'.

“ R. A. COBBS, Church of the Holy Cross, Uniontown.

“ R. H. COBBS, Deacon, Assistant Minister of the Church of the Nativity, Huntsville, and Missionary in the vicinity.

“ THOMAS A. COOK, Talladega.

“ GEORGE F. CUSHMAN, St. Luke's Church, Cahaba.

“ EDWARD DENNISTON, Missionary at Auburn and in the vicinity.

“ CHARLES A. DERBY, Deacon, St. Stephen's Church, Eutaw.

“ F. R. HANSON, St. Andrew's Church, Macon.

“ *W. D. HARLOW, Trinity Church, Florence.

“ H. C. LAY, D. D., Church of the Nativity, Huntsville.

“ B. B. LEACOCK, Christ Church, Mobile.

- Rev. F. B. LEE, St. Paul's Church, Carlowville.
 " J. A. MASSEY, Trinity Church, Mobile.
 " A. MENAOS, Missionary in Washington and Choctaw counties.
 " J. M. MITCHELL, Assistant Minister, St. John's Church, Montgomery.
 " T. A. MORRIS, St. Luke's Church, Jacksonville.
 " J. J. NICHOLSON, Missionary at Spring Hill.
 " R. D. NEVIUS, Christ Church, Tuscaloosa.
 " W. J. PERDUE, St. Peter's Church, Lowndes county.
 " *H. N. PIERCE, St. John's Church, Mobile.
 " J. B. RAMSDALL.
 " J. M. ROBERTSON, St. John's Church, Madison county, and Missionary.
 " S. U. SMITH, St. James' Church, Livingston.
 " W. A. STICKNEY, St. Wilfrid's Church, Marion.
 " G. W. STICKNEY, St. Mary's Church, Mobile, and Missionary at the Church of the Good Shepherd.
 " J. H. TUCKER, St. Paul's Church, Selma.
 " *H. F. M. WHITESIDES, St. John's Church, Tuscumbia.

Their names being called, the following Clergy were found to be in attendance.

Rt. Rev. N. H. COBBS, D. D.

Rev. R. A. COBBS.

Rev. J. M. MITCHELL.

" R. H. COBBS.

" T. A. MORRIS.

" G. F. CUSHMAN.

" R. D. NEVIUS.

" F. R. HANSON.

" J. M. ROBERTSON.

" H. C. LAY, D. D.

" W. A. STICKNEY.

The list of Parishes was then called, and Certificates of Election were presented and referred to a Committee upon Certificates of Election, consisting of Rev. Messrs. HANSON, ROBERTSON and MORRIS.

The Committee of Elections having examined the same, reported them in due form, to-wit:

Christ Church, Mobile.—Robert S. Bunker, H. A. Lowe, H. Barnwell, S. L. Lockwood, Henry Farrow.

St. James' Church, Livingston.—L. H. Anderson, B. B. Little, W. R. Wetmore, Thos. Cobbs.

St. John's Church, Montgomery.—C. T. Pollard, T. B. Taylor, J. D. Phelan, M. J. Conley, R. A. Colclough.

St. Paul's Church, Selma.—R. N. Philpot, A. G. Mabry, W. H. Eagar, Wm. Waddill, Jr.

St. Luke's Church, Cahaba.—E. M. Perine, A. Duke, D. S. Troy, W. H. Beatty, W. L. Saltmarsh.

St. John's Church, Tuscumbia.—W. H. Newsum.

Trinity Church, Florence.—J. E. Moore.

* Not entitled to seats.

Church of the Nativity, Huntsville.—John Read, J. W. Clay, V. M. Robertson, P. M. Dox, L. Pope Walker.

St. Stephen's Church, Eutaw.—Wm. F. Pierce, G. Elliott, Alex. Jarvis.

St. Paul's Church, Lowndesboro'.—J. F. Hearne, G. C. Freeman, Mallette Douglass.

Grace Church, St. Stephens.—M. M. Fletcher, L. J. Wilson, R. H. Coleman, G. F. Salle, R. J. Fletcher.

St. David's Church, Dallas Co.—A. W. Ellerbe.

St. Andrew's Church Macon.—H. A. Tayloe.

Their names being called, the following Delegates were found to be in attendance:

Messrs. ROBT. S. BUNKER,
L. H. ANDERSON,
J. D. PHELAN,
M. J. CONLEY,
R. A. COLCLOUGH,
R. J. FLETCHER,
W. H. NEWSUM,
J. E. MOORE,

Messrs. J. W. CLAY,
L. P. WALKER,
V. M. ROBERTSON,
W. F. PIERCE,
D. S. TROY,
M. M. FLETCHER,
A. W. ELLERBE,
J. READ,

H. A. TAYLOE.

A Constitutional quorum being present, the President declared the Convention duly organised.

On motion, HENRY A. TAYLOE was unanimously chosen Secretary.

On motion, *Resolved*, That St. John's Church, Tuscumbia, Trinity Church, Florence, and St. James' Church, Eufaula, be released from all dues to the 1st day of May, 1857, and that Grace Church, St. Stephens, be released from all arrearages.

On motion, *Resolved*, That any Clergyman of the Protestant Episcopal Church, not entitled to a seat, and Candidates for Orders, be invited to seats in the Convention, and to report their names to the Secretary.

Articles of Association were presented from St. Alban's Church, Gainesville, Trinity Chapel, Yougesborough, Russell county, and St. John's Church, Madison county,—and, on motion, referred to a Committee on the Admission of New Parishes, consisting of Rev. R. D. NEVIUS, of the Clergy, and Messrs. BUNKER and CONLEY, of the Laity.

The Secretary asked leave to appoint an Assistant, which was granted. Whereupon he appointed the Rev. R. H. COBBS.

The President appointed the following Standing Committees:

Committee on the State of the Church.—Rev. Messrs. CUSHMAN, R. A. COBBS, MITCHELL and NEVIUS.

Committee on Canons.—Rev. Messrs. HANSON and W. A. STICKNEY, of the Clergy, and Messrs. PHELAN and CLAY, of the Laity.

Committee on Finance.—Messrs. ELLERBE, TAYLOR, BUNKER, PIERCE, PHELAN, NEWSUM, TROY, ANDERSON, MOORE, M. M. FLETCHER, WALKER.

Committee on Unfinished Business.—Rev. W. A. STICKNEY, of the Clergy, and Messrs. TROY and COLCLOUGH, of the Laity.

On motion, the Convention adjourned till 5 o'clock, P. M.

CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY, HUNTSVILLE, }
5 o'clock, P. M. }

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

The Committee on the Admission of New Parishes made the following report:

The Committee on Admission of New Parishes respectfully report, that Articles of Association have been presented by St. Alban's Church, Gainesville, and Trinity Chapel, Yougesborough, Russell Co., both of Alabama; both of which papers are regular and in order, and the Committee recommend that these Parishes be admitted into union with the Diocese.

The Committee also report that papers have been presented by St. John's Church, Madison Co., which are irregular, the prescribed form not being adopted, and the Articles not being duly authenticated or signed.

On motion, *Resolved*, That St. Alban's Church, Gainesville, and Trinity Chapel, Yougesborough, Russell Co., be admitted into union with the Convention.

On motion, *Resolved*, That St. John's Church, Madison Co., be admitted into union with the Convention.

Rev. GEO. F. CUSHMAN, Secretary of the Standing Committee, presented the annual Communication of the Standing Committee of the Diocese.

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

The Standing Committee respectfully report that they were organised for the last Conventional year, by the election of Rev. J. M. MITCHELL, President, and Rev. GEO. F. CUSHMAN, Secretary.

They have had six meetings, and have signed the testimonials of Rev. A. MENAOS, and Rev. EDWARD DENNISTON, B. D., applying to be admitted Priests; of R. H. COBBE, applying to be ordained to the Diaconate; of J. C. WADDILL, C. A. BRADFORD, JAMES F. SMITH, late a Minister of the Protestant Methodist Communion, and of SETH W. ROBERTS, applying to be received as Candidates for Holy Orders.

GEO. F. CUSHMAN, Secretary.

On motion, the Rules of Order were suspended, and the reading of the annual Address of the Bishop was postponed until immediately after Divine Service to-morrow.

A Certificate of Election was presented from St. John's Church, Madison Co., and was referred to the Committee of Elections.

The Committee on Certificates of Election reported it in due form, and the following Delegates were entitled to seats in the Convention.

St. John's Church, Madison Co.—JOHN SEAY, J. M. WILSON.

Their names being called, Mr. JOHN SEAY answered and took his seat in Convention.

The Treasurer presented his annual accounts.

CONTINGENT FUND in account with HENRY A. TAYLOR, Treasurer.

| | | Dr. | Cr. |
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| 1857.—May 1. | To Balance..... | \$ 15 34 | |
| " 9. | By Amount received at Convention, (see abstract,)..... | | \$164 72 |
| " 21. | " St. Paul's Church, Lowndesboro',..... | | 1 60 |
| " " | " Christ Church, Tuscaloosa,..... | \$16 00 | |
| " " | " Church of the Holy Cross, Uniontown, 6 40 | | |
| | Assessment of 1856, \$22 40 | | 22 40 |
| June 1. | To Cash paid balance of quota due the Treasurer of the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church,..... | 15 50 | |
| Aug. 6. | " Cash paid Messrs. Farrow & Dennett for printing and distributing journals..... | 165 10 | |
| | " Cash paid Adams' Express Company, charges on journals of the General Convention to Montgomery,..... | 3 10 | |
| " 28. | " Cash paid Thomas Leeseane, charges on same to Demopolis..... | 1 50 | |
| Sept. 12. | By St. Michael's Church, Marengo County.... | | 8 60 |
| 1858.—May 1. | To Postage..... | 25 | |
| | " Balance..... | | 8 47 |
| | | <u>\$200 79</u> | <u>\$200 79</u> |
| 1858.—May 1. | To Balance..... | 8 47 | |

BISHOP'S FUND in account with HENRY A. TAYLOR, Treasurer.

| | | Dr. | Cr. |
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| 1857.—May 1.— | By Balance..... | | 85 |
| " 7.— | " Cash received at Convention, (see Abstract,)..... | | \$2312 05 |
| " 7.— | " St. Paul's Church, Selma, balance of Assessment, 1855..... | | 87 20 |
| " 11.— | To Cash pd. Rt. Rev. N. H. Cobbs, D. D., \$2250 00 | | |
| " " " " " A. W. Ellerbe, Treasurer of Bishop's Fund,..... | | 149 25 | |
| " 21.— | By St. Paul's Church, Lowndesboro',..... | | 12 20 |
| 1858.—May 1.— | " Balance | 18 05 | |
| | | <u>\$2412 30</u> | <u>\$2412 30</u> |
| 1858.—May 1.— | By Balance..... | | 18 05 |

Rt. Rev. N. H. COBBS, D. D.,
In account with the DIOCESE OF ALABAMA.

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| 1857.—May 1.— | By Salary..... | \$2250 00 |
| " 11.— | To Cash..... | \$2250 00 |

On motion, referred to Committee on Finance.
The Parochial Reports were then read.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, MONTGOMERY.—Re. Rev. N. H. Coats, D. D., Rector.

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| Baptisms—White, adults, 5, infants, 17,..... | Total, 22 |
| Colored, infant,..... | 1 |
| Confirmations—White, 26; Colored, 2,..... | Total, 28 |
| Marriages—White,..... | 4 |
| Burials—White..... | 22 |
| Communicants—White, at last report, 183; Died 1; Removed 17; Present No. 151 | |
| Colored, at the last report, 4; Present Number,..... | 7 |
| Sunday Schools—Teachers, 16; Scholars, White, 96; Colored, 80,..... | Total, 176 |
| Library Books,..... | 400 |
| Communion Administered,..... | 16 |
| Communion Alms,..... | \$408 16 |
| Collections—Diocesan Missions,..... | 180 00 |
| Domestic "..... | 70 00 |
| Foreign "..... | 60 00 |
| For Parochial Schools,..... | 500 00 |
| " Church purposes, generally,..... | 284 55 |

Time spent in the Parish, in the performance of its regular duties, since last report, twelve months.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, GREENSBORO'.—Rev. J. M. Bawtree, Rector.

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| Baptisms—White, adults, 1; infants, 14; Colored 7,..... | Total, 22 |
| Marriages—White,..... | 1 |
| Deaths—White,..... | 1 |
| Communicants—Added, 6; removed 2,..... | Total, 64 |
| Confirmations—White,..... | 6 |
| Sunday School Teachers,..... | 6 |
| Communion administered, about..... | 10 |
| Communion Offerings, about..... | \$70 00 |
| Collections—Diocesan Missions,..... | 15 00 |
| Domestic "..... | 38 50 |
| Foreign "..... | 33 50 |

Time spent in the Parish, since the last report, about twelve months.

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS, UNIONTOWN.—Rev. R. A. Coats, Rector.

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| Baptisms—White, adults, 1; infants, 5,..... | Total, 6 |
| Colored, adults, 3; infants, 16,..... | " 19 |
| Confirmations—White, 1; Colored 15,..... | " 16 |
| Marriages—Colored,..... | 2 |
| Deaths—White,..... | 1 |
| Communicants—White, at last report 22; present number,..... | 26 |
| Sunday School—Teachers, 2; Scholars,..... | 10 |
| Library Books,..... | 50 |
| Communion Administered,..... | 11 |
| Communion Offerings,..... | \$29 70 |
| Collections—Diocesan Missions,..... | 14 65 |
| Domestic "..... | 8 00 |
| Foreign "..... | 7 50 |

Time spent in the Parish, in the performance of its regular duties, since last report, twelve months.

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, CAHABA.—Rev. Geo. F. Cushman, Rector.

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| Baptisms—White, adults, 5; infants, 5,..... | Total, 10 |
| Colored, infants,..... | 22 |
| Confirmations—White,..... | 5 |
| Marriages—White, 3, Colored, 1,..... | Total, 4 |
| Deaths—White,..... | 2 |
| Communicants—White, at the last report, 33; Died, 1; Removed, 4; Present No. 36 | |

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| Sunday School—Teachers, 5; Scholars, White..... | 81 |
| Library Books..... | 200 |
| Communion Administered..... | 11 |
| Communion Offerings..... | \$52 95 |
| Collections—Diocesan Missions..... | 15 00 |
| Domestic “..... | 16 00 |
| Foreign “..... | 9 00 |

Time spent in the Parish, in the performance of its regular duties, since last report, twelve months.

The Rector of St. Luke's cannot close this report without saying that there is much in the condition of the Parish to encourage him in his work which these statistics do not show. The large and increasing congregations—the reverent attention to prayer and the preaching of the Word—the growing influence of the Church as seen in the lives and hearts of the people—the promptness and liberality with which the services are sustained—he can not but think favorable indications.—Prayers are offered upon Wednesdays and Fridays and upon the Saints Days, with the addition of a homily. At the next report he trusts to be able to say that something has been done to establish a colored congregation, as much interest is manifested on the subject in the Parish. The Rector gratefully acknowledges the many acts of kindness received from his people in the year that is past, and in all years, and he can say as truly now as he did five years ago—that his lines have fallen to him in pleasant places.

At County Line, twenty-five miles from Cahaba, services have been held upon the third Sunday in each month. It is a small but wealthy and intelligent neighborhood—the congregations are increasingly large, and the prospect of ultimately establishing a small but self-supporting Parish is by no means discouraging. The Rector preaches regularly here to a colored congregation, and is much encouraged in his labors. The following are the statistics of the station:

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| Baptisms—Adult..... | 1 |
| Confirmation..... | 1 |
| Communicants—Added, 8..... | Total, 11 |
| Sunday School—Teachers, 4; Scholars..... | 18 |
| Communion administered..... | 7 |

TRINITY CHAPEL, YOUNGBOROUGH.

The undersigned would respectfully report to the Bishop of the Diocese, that he has recently organized a Church at this place, and that Divine Service is celebrated here on the 3rd Sunday in the month, in the morning for the White, and in the afternoon for the Colored congregations.

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| Families—Number of..... | 4 |
| Baptisms—White, adults, 3; children, 6..... | Total, 9 |
| Confirmations..... | 4 |
| Communicants—White, 5; Colored, 2..... | Total, 7 |

The prospects at this point are quite flattering, as we have already a sufficient amount of money subscribed to erect a small Church, according to Upjohn's plan. And our place of worship continues so far to be filled every Sunday, especially in the morning, with a large and attentive congregation, made up mostly of the different denominations, who reside in the neighborhood.

ED. DENNISTON, Rector.

ST. JOHN'S IN THE WILDERNESS, OSWICHEE.

The Rector of this Church would respectfully report, that Divine Service is held here on the 1st Sunday in the month, in the morning for the White congregation, and in the afternoon for the Colored congregation, on the Plantation of Col. James Turner.

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| Families—Number of White..... | 1 |
| Baptisms—Colored, adults, 3; infants, 13..... | Total, 16 |
| Confirmations—Colored..... | 17 |
| Communicants—White, 1; Colored, about..... | 60 |

In ministering to the Colored congregation at this place the undersigned begs leave

to state that he could do but little towards the spiritual instruction of so large number, were it not for the assistance of their mistress, who so faithfully catechizes and otherwise instructs them during the remaining Sundays in the month.

ED. DENNISTON.

TRINITY CHURCH, AUBURN.

The Rector of this Church would likewise respectfully report the following statement from the Register of the Parish:

Families—number of White.....
 Baptisms—White, infants.....
 Confirmations—White.....
 Communicants—White.....

The undersigned, in making out the above report, would say that some of the families and communicants mentioned, are from Opelika and parts adjacent, which formerly belonged to this Parish, but will hereafter be united with the congregation at Youngesborough. The prospects for the Church in the flourishing town of Auburn, are better, I understand, at present, than they have been for some time past, as the people now seem to have little or no prejudice, are willing to help us, and always regular attendants on our Services.

Divine Service is held at this place on every fourth Sunday in the month.

ED. DENNISTON.

TUSKEGEE, MACON COUNTY.

The Missionary at Tuskegee would respectfully report, that his appointment at this place is on the second Sunday in the month.

Families—number of White.....
 Baptisms—Infants, White.....
 Confirmations—White.....
 Communicants—White.....

This being a town of over 8,000 inhabitants, and the Methodists, Baptists, and Presbyterians being largely in the ascendancy, it will take some time before the Church can be firmly established at this place. However, there is reason to thank God for the present appearance of things; for when an attempt was made last July to establish the Church here, there could be found but one communicant in the place, and she had temporarily connected herself with the Presbyterians. The prospects, at present, are beginning to brighten; congregations are increasing, and individuals are becoming more and more interested.

ED. DENNISTON.

TALLASSEE, TALLAPOOSA COUNTY.

The undersigned would respectfully report, that his appointment at this station is on a week-day, and on the fifth Sunday in the month, whenever it occurs.

Families—number of White.....
 Confirmations—White.....
 Communicants—White.....
 Funerals.....

There is some probability that we will shortly be able to have a Church building at this place. The prospects for the steady growth of the Church here are good, if our services could be held oftener. At present, the Mission is mostly supported by the generous liberality of a zealous and right-minded Churchman.

ED. DENNISTON.

WEST POINT.

The Missionary at this station, for want of a suitable place to hold service, has been unable to visit it as often as he would like to do. The following, however, is his report:

Families—number of White.....
 Confirmations—White.....
 Communicants—White.....

In addition to the above, I have officiated occasionally at Girard, a town opposite to Columbus, Ga., where there are a few members of the Church. Also, at Lafayette, the county seat of Chambers, Ala., where some of the citizens manifest a strong desire to have the regular services of our Church. Such is a brief statement of my ministerial work since the 18th day of last June, the time that I accepted the appointment to these Missionary Stations. Respectfully submitted,
ED. DENNISTON.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, MACON, MARENGO CO.—Rev. F. R. HANSON, Rector.

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| Baptisms—White, adults 1 ; infants 4..... | Total, 5 |
| Colored, infants,..... | 3 |
| Confirmations—White,..... | 6 |
| Marriages—White,..... | 1 |
| Deaths—White,..... | 2 |
| Communicants—White, at the last report, 19; Died, 1; Withdrawn, 1; Present number,..... | 18 |
| Communion administered,..... | 3 |
| Communion Offerings,..... | \$12 25 |
| Collections—Diocesan Missions,..... | 21 00 |

Time spent in the Parish, in the performance of its regular duties, since last Report, twelve months.

Since the last Convention, the ladies of the congregation have succeeded in obtaining a good organ, which has improved the music, and added much to the interest of our devotional services. The debt on the Church has been settled, and the Bishop, at his last visitation, consecrated it to the service of God. Thus has at last been accomplished an object for which a few zealous and devoted Churchmen have long labored. Divine Service has been regularly celebrated in the Church on the second and fourth Sundays of the month. The congregations are good, and the Church seems to be gradually acquiring strength and influence in the community.

I resigned the charge of Trinity Church, Demopolis, on the first of January of this year. Since that time I have been endeavoring to revive St. John's Church on the Prairies. The prospect of success is very encouraging. The residents in the neighborhood generally seem to wish us success, and I hope in the course of the year a new Church will be erected.

TRINITY CHURCH, FLORENCE.—Rev. WM. D. HARLOW, Rector.

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| Baptisms—White, adults 2; infants 10,..... | Total 12 |
| Confirmations—White,..... | 3 |
| Marriages—White,..... | 1 |
| Deaths—White,..... | 1 |
| Communicants—White, at the last Report, 11; Removed, 2; Present number,..... | 19 |
| Colored—Present number,..... | 1 |
| Sunday School—Teachers, 7; Scholars, White,..... | 58 |
| Library Books.....(about)..... | 300 |
| Communion administered, since February 1st, 1858,..... | 5 |
| Communion Offerings, since February 1st, 1858,..... | \$15 40 |
| Collections—For Church purposes generally, collected last summer,..... | 92 00 |
| For Parochial Night School, (a gift,)..... | 5 00 |

Time spent in the Parish, in the performance of its regular duties, since last Report, 3½ months.

The present Rector took charge of the Parish on the 1st of last February, and the above report is only from that date, except the Baptism of five infants, the Marriage of one couple, the officiating at one Funeral, and the \$92 that were collected, last summer, for repairing and painting the Church.

A Night-School was, several weeks ago, organized, for the gratuitous instruction of the poor children of the town, who are unable to attend day school; and it now numbers about 80 scholars, all of whom are required to attend the Sunday-School. In this self-denying work, the Rector has been nobly aided by a lady and several young gentlemen, to whom all honor is due; and upon whom he prays that God may send down rich blessings for their beneficent labors. A pious lady of another

Diocese, presented \$5 for the benefit of the Night School, for which we here return thanks. It has been mainly through the influence of the Night School that the very large addition, in teachers and pupils, has been made to the Sunday School. The increase in the Sunday School has caused a demand for more books of instruction, and money has been collected, and seven dollars' worth of such books have been ordered. From the interest now manifested, we think that, with the Divine help, we may safely anticipate a large increase in the number of the candidates which will be ready for confirmation at the visitation of the Bishop next fall.

CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY, HUNTSVILLE.—Rev. HENRY C. LAY, Rector.

Rev. R. H. CONNA, Assistant Minister.

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| Baptisms—White, adults 4; infants 3,..... | Total, 7 |
| Colored, adult 1; infant 1,..... | " 2 |
| Confirmations—White, 15; Colored 2,..... | " 17 |
| Marriages—White, 2; Colored 1,..... | " 3 |
| Deaths—White, 4; Colored, 2,..... | " 6 |
| Communicants—White, at the last report, 58; Died, 1; Removed, 8; Present number,..... | 72 |
| Colored, at last report, 1; Added, 2; Present number,..... | 3 |
| Sunday School—Teachers, 6; Scholars,..... | 40 |
| Communion Alms,..... | \$138 00 |
| Domestic Missions,..... | 95 00 |
| Foreign Missions,..... | 75 00 |

A collection was taken up on Easter Sunday, for Parish purposes, which amounted to \$1200.

A new Church edifice is now in progress. The Rev. R. H. CONNA has become Assistant Minister of the Parish, and entered upon his duties just before the Convention.

CHRIST CHURCH, MOBILE.—Rev. B. B. LEACOCK, Rector.

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| Baptisms—White, adult 1; infants 25,..... | Total, 26 |
| Confirmations—White,..... | 9 |
| Marriages—White,..... | 11 |
| Deaths—White,..... | 16 |
| Communicants—At the last report, 228; Died, 4; Removed, 8; Present No. | 223 |
| Sunday School—Teachers, 28; Scholars, White, 115; Colored, 15,..... | Total, 130 |
| Library Books,..... | 360 |
| Communion administered,..... | 14 |
| Communion Offerings,..... | \$ 506 00 |
| Collections—Diocesan Missions,..... | 81 00 |
| Domestic "..... | 149 90 |
| Foreign "..... | 192 60 |
| Miss Emma Jones,..... | 133 85 |
| Church of Good Shepherd,..... | 405 60 |
| Church purposes, generally,..... | 2,484 00 |

Time spent in the Parish, in the performance of its regular duties, since last Report, six months.

TRINITY CHURCH, MOBILE.—Rev. J. A. MASSEY, Rector.

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| Baptisms—White, adults, 12; infants, 61,..... | Total, 73 |
| Colored, infants,..... | 4 |
| Confirmations—White,..... | 37 |
| Marriages—White, 15; Colored, 5,..... | Total, 20 |
| Deaths—White, 44; Colored, 1,..... | " 45 |
| Communicants—White, at the last report, 198; Died, 4; Removed, 15; Present number,..... | 213 |
| Sunday School—Teachers, 17; Scholars, White,..... | 186 |
| Library Books,..... | 422 |
| Communion Administered—In public, 15; in private, 9,..... | Total, 24 |

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| Communion Offerings,..... | \$285 60 |
| Contributions—Diocesan Missions,..... | 48 10 |
| Domestic “..... | 36 00 |
| Foreign “..... | 87 00 |
| From Sunday School, for High School at Cape Palmas,..... | 100 00 |
| Time spent in the Parish, in the performance of its regular duties, since last Report, twelve months. | |

CHRIST CHURCH, TUSKALOOSA.—Rev. R. D. Nevius, Rector.

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| Communicants—White, adults, 1, infants, 22,..... | Total, 23 |
| Colored, adult,..... | 1 |
| Baptisms—White, 16; Colored, 1,..... | Total, 17 |
| Marriages—White, 3; Colored, 1,..... | Total, 4 |
| Funerals—White, 6; Colored, 1,..... | “ 7 |
| Communicants—White, at last report, 63; Present No..... | 82 |
| Colored, at the last report, 10; Present Number,..... | 7 |
| Sunday School—Teachers, 5; Scholars,..... | 30 |
| Communion Administered, (one in private,)..... | 18 |
| Communion Alms,..... | \$60 00 |
| Contributions—Diocesan Missions,..... | 15 00 |
| Domestic “..... | 30 00 |
| Foreign “..... | 40 00 |
| Church Book Society,..... | 10 00 |
| Sunday School—To Mr. Breck's Mission,..... | 20 00 |
| To Convocation..... | 4 50 |
| Time spent in the Parish, in the performance of its regular duties, since last report, five months. | |

SPRING HILL INSTITUTE, }
NEAR MOBILE, April 27, 1858. }

MY DEAR REV. AND DEAR SIR—

My work, as you are aware, for the present lies in the main in my School, and the influences which through it and the Sunday School are brought to bear upon the rising generation.

About the 1st of October last, my connection with the Parish of St. John's Free Church, in the city, as Rector pro tem, ceased. From that period, I have held services regularly here (in "the breaking of bread," in prayer, and the preaching of the Word,) on Sundays and the High Festivals, using one of our recitation rooms, which is sufficiently commodious for present purposes, as a Chapel. This has been attended with no small amount of labor, (the room having to be fitted up temporarily for every service,) as well as expense, for fuel; but I have cheerfully and gladly met the demand, as far as was in my power. During the past year I baptised two children and officiated at one funeral. I also prepared three candidates for confirmation, (two of them being members of the Institute,) two of whom were confirmed here and one in Trinity Church, Mobile. Some eight to ten unite with us from time to time, in partaking of the Holy Communion; but as they have their other relations in the city, I only count my own family as the communicants of the Mission—so that my sphere is circumscribed. We have no organization.

I am looking under God to my Institute for the fruits of good to the Church, more especially, in this respect, to the future. Already it has pleased the great Head of the Church to show some tokens of good upon us in this work. Many youthful immortals are brought under the influence of the Sunday School, and are being moulded in and for the Church. The hope of the Church lies in the young. If we can but train them to be sound-headed and sound-hearted Churchmen and Churchwomen, we shall add our mite to the well-being of the land, and move forward, in our day and generation, the kingdom of CHRIST.

Our services (too domestic in their arrangement to be popular) are attended by the family, the pupils of the Institute, and as many of the neighbors as deem it proper to avail themselves of the privilege—making upon the whole a respectable congregation.

There has been some talk of organizing a Parish and building a Church here. This would strengthen my hands and give an impetus to my educational enterprise. Still my desire is that it should spring spontaneously from the people.

In connection with this, it gives me pleasure to acknowledge, from J. COLEMAN HART, Esq., Architect, N. Y., the receipt of a beautiful and highly appropriate design and drawing of a Church, for Spring Hill, should we ever get able to build. I have the more pleasure in making this acknowledgment, because Mr. HART's labor in the premises was one of love for the Church—it being wholly gratuitous.

There has been nothing contributed at this point, towards any object, except about \$2 50, to aid me in providing Sunday School Books. We have a Sunday School Library of nearly 200 volumes, provided by myself, with the exception of the contribution above.

My own support is derived from my School. I have not felt at liberty to call upon the people to contribute to any of the great enterprises and missions of the Church, though having them greatly at heart, for I deemed it more becoming to leave all such matters to their proper pastoral relations.

If our work is small for the Church, no one knows better than yourself the exact state of affairs by which we are surrounded. I have done what I could. With a Church here, much more can be done. Until there is a Church, I can do but little beyond the influences of the School. Very truly yours in Christ,

JOS. J. NICHOLSON.

Rt. Rev. N. H. COBBS, D. D.

MOBILE, MAY 15, 1858.

RT. REV. AND DEAR SIR—

Being unable to attend the Convention, which I deeply regret, I send you the report from St. John's Parish below. I entered upon my duties here about the 20th of October last. Since the last Convention, and previous to my arrival here, I find by the records that there were—

Baptisms—Adults, 1; infants, 4,.....Total, 5

Since then, the statistics are as follows:

Baptisms—Adults, 2; infants, 26,.....Total, 28

Confirmations,.....17

Marriages,.....4

Burials,.....8

Communicants—List not fully revised; Added,.....22

Communion Administered,.....9

Communion Alms,.....\$119 93

Collections—Diocesan Missions,.....28 00

Domestic ".....20 00

African " (from Sunday School,).....8 00

Besides the Sunday Offertory, for the support of the Rector, and the current expenses of the Parish, which have been met by the gentlemen of the vestry, \$700 00 have been raised by the ladies, and devoted to the extinguishment of the debt on the Rectory. We have about one hundred and forty Sunday School Scholars, and twenty Teachers. The S. S. Library consists of about two hundred volumes. All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. N. PIERCE,

Rector of St. John's Church, Mobile.

Rt. Rev. N. H. COBBS, D. D.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, MADISON COUNTY.—Rev. J. M. ROBERTSON, Rector.

Baptisms—White, adults, 1; infants, 1; Colored infants, 7,.....Total, 9

Confirmations—White, 6; Colored, 1,....." 7

Marriages—Colored,.....1

Deaths—Colored,.....1

Communicants—White,.....10

Services held,.....34

Sermons Preached,.....34

He also held services and preached monthly, at St. Mark's Chapel, Limestone County, up to the beginning of this year, but owing to the congregations being

small, and not attending for three appointments successively, he gave the place up as hopeless, thinking that the same labor and care could be better bestowed upon the little community of St. John's. This congregation has been organized under the name of "St. John's Church," and appointed delegates to this Convention.

ST. MARK'S CHURCH, GREENE COUNTY.—Rev. STEPHEN U. SMITH, Rector.

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| Baptisms—Colored, infants,..... | 12 |
| Confirmation—White,..... | 1 |
| Marriages—Colored,..... | 1 |
| Communicants—White, at the last report, 14; Removed, 4; Present No..... | 13 |
| Communion Administered,..... | 4 |
| Communion Offerings,..... | \$8 35 |

Time spent in the Parish, in the performance of its regular duties, since last report, twelve months.

The Church in this Parish was completed during the past year, and was duly consecrated by the Bishop on the 28th day of April last.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, LIVINGSTON.—Rev. S. U. SMITH, Rector.

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| Baptisms—White, adults, 2; infants, 6,..... | Total, 8 |
| Confirmations—White,..... | 4 |
| Marriages—White,..... | 3 |
| Deaths—White,..... | 1 |
| Communicants—At the last report, 21; Removed, 1; Present number,..... | 26 |
| Sunday School—Teachers, 5; Scholars, | 20 |
| Communion Administered,..... | 7 |
| Communion Offerings,..... | \$14 85 |

Time spent in the Parish, in the performance of its regular duties, since last report, twelve months.

ST. WILFRID'S CHURCH, MARION.—Rev. W. A. STICKNEY, Rector.

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| Baptisms—White, adults, 5; infants, 3,..... | Total, 8 |
| Colored, adult, 1; infants, 7,..... | " 8 |
| Confirmations—White, 7; Colored 1,..... | " 8 |
| Marriages—White, 4; Colored, 1,..... | " 5 |
| Deaths—White, 1; Colored, 1,..... | " 2 |
| Communicants—White, at last report, 54; Removed, 9; Present number,..... | 52 |
| Colored, at last report, 3; Present number,..... | 4 |
| Communion administered,..... | 29 |
| Communion Offerings,..... | \$ 88 95 |
| Collections—Domestic Missions,..... | 6 00 |
| Foreign " | 3 75 |
| Christmas Offerings, Episcopal fund..... | 8 80 |
| Collections to make the Chapel Parish Property, about..... | 700 00 |

Time spent in the Parish at regular duties, since last report, twelve months.

From time to time Sunday night service has been held on a neighboring plantation for servants.

Since the new year, the regular Sunday afternoon service has yielded to one for the colored people.

In other respects, the order of services has remained as heretofore: Morning Prayers every day in Lent, and on all the Festival, Fast and Litany days; both Morning and Evening Prayers in Holy Week, and on the greater Festivals and Fasts. The Holy Eucharist is celebrated every Sunday in Lent, and on the first Sunday of every month through Trinity Tide, on all great days marked by special Preface, as well as their octaves, on Easter Monday and Tuesday, and on Whitmonday and Tuesday.

The contemplated enlargement and division of the Male School into two departments has been carried into effect. The High School is at the country place under

the supervision of its owner, Edward L. Stickney. The minor Department has two Assistant Teachers, and continues as in time past.

Arrangements limited the two Schools to 60 pupils. A few over that limit have been admitted.

The Female School has been doing its work faithfully and encouragingly under the joint system of the Church, visited habitually and familiarly during school hours by the Rector of the Parish. Neither accommodations nor seats have yet been made for admitting more than 20 pupils. That limit was reached.

A lot of five acres, secured at some \$1200, has been duly donated to the Parish for this future School—the offering of two female communicants. It should be mentioned by way of emulating others to good works, that this gift is not an offering of the Parish.

All the pupils of the three schools—some 80 in number—repair orderly to the Church on all Prayer days.

It is the policy of the Parish for christian instruction, strictly in the manner of the Church's ancient practice, to preclude the regular Sunday School system in the Parish.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, MOBILE.—Rev. Geo. W. Stickney, Rector.

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| Baptisms—White, adults, 2; infants, 10,..... | Total, 12 |
| Confirmations—White,..... | 8 |
| Marriages—White,..... | 2 |
| Deaths—White,..... | 10 |
| Communicants—At the last Report, 7; Removed 4; Present number,..... | 24 |
| Sunday Schools—Teachers, 7; Scholars, White, 25; Colored, 5,..... | Total, 30 |
| Library Books,..... | 100 |
| Communion Administered,..... | 13 |
| Communion Offerings,..... | \$39 40 |
| Collections—Domestic Missions,..... | 8 00 |
| Foreign "..... | 5 50 |
| Church purposes generally,..... | 58 10 |

Time spent in the Parish, in the performance of its regular duties, since last report, twelve months.

There is much to encourage in the growth of this Parish. Its prosperity is mainly indebted to the ladies of the congregation, who have been active in their efforts for its welfare, and in the maintainance of its Rector. By them additional necessary repairs have been placed upon the building; a new belfry has been erected, and a more suitable and larger bell and a melodeon have been purchased.

Free seats, the weekly offertory, and monthly catechisings, "openly in the Church," are among the features of the Parish.

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD, (COLORED,) MOBILE.—Rev. G. W. Stickney, Rector.

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| Baptisms—Colored, adults, 4; infants, 11,..... | Total, 15 |
| Confirmations—Colored,..... | 8 |
| Marriages—Colored,..... | 2 |
| Deaths—Colored,..... | 6 |
| Communicants—Colored, at the last report, 30; Present number,..... | 31 |
| Sunday School—Teachers, 5; Scholars, Colored,..... | 25 |
| Communion Administered,..... | 11 |
| Communion Offerings,..... | \$31 70 |
| Collections—Domestic Missions,..... | 2 00 |
| Foreign "..... | 8 00 |
| Church purposes, generally,..... | 11 25 |

Time spent in the Parish, in the performance of its regular duties, since last report, twelve months.

This Mission commends itself to Churchmen generally, as one of great interest and promised usefulness. While not showing much increase in numbers, yet the consis-

test adherence of the greater part of those who have attached themselves, recommends its instrumentality and invites continued encouragement.

By the recent appointment of a Committee, acting as, and in the absence of, a Vestry, and by which the Minister in charge has some assurance of a support, as also some one to confer with, has proved a most satisfactory and agreeable arrangement.

The kind co-operation of a pious and devoted layman in charge of the Sunday School, and assisting in the oversight of the Mission, is worthy of mention. Also, in grateful acknowledgment, the handsome and very acceptable present of \$300, from "The Little Girls' Sewing Society," the nett proceeds of their last sale, "to the Minister of the Good Shepherd." This interesting and useful little Society came to the rescue of the Mission last year, by its removal of a cumbersome debt of \$500.

Other duties have been performed in connection with the above, at Point Clear, Whistler, and St. Stephens, Washington county.

WHISTLER.

Baptisms—White, infants, 7

ST. STEPHENS, WASHINGTON COUNTY.

Baptisms—White, infants, 4; Colored, adult, 1; infants, 9, Total, 14

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, SELMA.—Rev. J. H. Ticknor, Rector.

Baptisms—White, infants, 12

Confirmations—White, 5

Marriages—White, 1; Colored 1, Total, 2

Deaths—White, 6; Colored, 1, " 7

Communicants—At last report, 89; present number, 47

Sunday Schools—Teachers, 6; Scholars, White, 81; Colored, 80, Total, 61

Library Books—About, 150

Communion Administered, 18

Communion Offerings, \$ 68 52

Collections—For Sunday School Library, 15 00

" Church purposes generally, 3000 00

Time spent in the Parish, in the performance of its regular duties, since last report, twelve months.

Perhaps the most encouraging sign at present exhibited by this Parish, is the increasing interest felt in the Sunday School; and in the fact that two gentlemen are found willing to instruct the negro children. The attempt to restore the Church's rule of publicly catechizing the children has been so much more successful than we hoped, that there is no fear of its ever again falling into disuse.

We reported last year the very generous donation from a gentleman of the congregation, of land for the Rectory, and we have now to report the completion of a commodious dwelling, secured to the Church for the use of its Rector forever: the entire property now valued at \$4,000 00.

For this we are in a great measure indebted to the "Ladies of the Sewing Society," who laid the foundation by their donation of something over \$300 00. In addition to which, they have raised, for Church repairs, at least \$110 00. And to the ladies of the Church also belongs the credit of providing \$276 00 towards the extinction of old—very old—debts: and an additional sum, to be reported next year, has been raised by ladies of the Choir, for an especial purpose.

The Church has labored under such a heavy pressure of old debts, and new but necessary undertakings, that we have not thought proper to make any Missionary Collections.

"Thus far the Lord has led us on," and it is with feelings of no ordinary gratitude that we write ourselves *almost* "foot-loose" from pecuniary entanglements.

We believe that all these things are signs of spiritual life; and "we thank God and take courage."

TOBACCO, Mar 22, 1901

Is reporting the statistics of St. John's Church, Tusculum, during my official connection, since January last, I would respectfully state, that so far as I can learn, there are about 15 Communicants at present, one having recently died. There have been 2 Infant Baptisms, one white and one colored; Confirmed, 1; Funeral, 1. Services have been regularly performed on Sundays twice, with the exception of one Sunday, which I gave to Leighton. I also had service during the season of Lent, on Wednesdays and Fridays.

Yours, truly, in the Church,

Yours, truly, in the Church.

H. F. M. WHITESIDES

Rt. Rev. Bishop Cozza, D. D.

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH, MARENGO.—*Rectors*hip Vacant.

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| Baptisms—White, infants,..... | 2 |
| Confirmations—White,..... | 1 |
| Deaths—White,..... | 2 |
| Communicants—White, at the last report, 21; Died, 1; Present number,..... | 18 |
| Colored, present number,..... | 16 |

As this Parish has been vacant since the 1st of last July, none of the ordinary collections for Church objects have been made. Within the past year the Church building has been completed, and will be ready for consecration during the ensuing summer.

DAVID MINGE, Warden.

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ST. JOHN'S PARISH, BLYTON.

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| Baptisms—White, adults, 2; infants, 7,..... | Total, 9 |
| Confirmations—White, 9; Colored, 1,..... | " 10 |
| Marriages—White,..... | 1 |
| Deaths,..... | 1 |
| Communicants—White, at last report, 8; Added 8; Present number,..... | 16 |
| Sunday School—Teachers, 4; Scholars,..... | 18 |
| Communion Administered,..... | 1 |

This Parish has been without the regular services of a clergyman for fifteen months, by the resignation of Rev. W. F. DAVIDSON. The Parish has been visited twice by Rev. R. D. NAYLOR, the Missionary in charge, and Rev. T. A. MORAN, and Rev. F. R. HANSON, on his way to Convention, at which time he held a service and preached.

We are anxiously looking for an opportunity to secure the services of a Clergyman; and although we can scarcely expect to be able to be immediately self-supporting, we think we can do much for the support of a settled Minister.

N. HAWKINS, Warden.

ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH, KUTAW.—Rev. CHAS. A. DIBBY, Rector.

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| Baptisms—White, | 1 |
| Confirmations—White, | 2 |
| Communicants—White, present number, | \$1 27 |
| Sunday Schools—Teachers, 8; Scholars, White, 21; Colored, 16, | Total, \$7 |
| Library Books, | 100 |
| Collections—Foreign Missions, | \$7 10 |

The Rector took charge of St. Stephen's Church, May 3d, 1857. Except during an absence of two months, he held service two Sundays in each month, morning and evening, until January, 1858, since which time he has officiated twice every Sunday except the second. Additional services have varied according to circumstances.

Through the energies of the ladies of the congregation, the Church has been painted, and a new melodeon purchased, at the cost of \$400.

ST. ALBAN'S PARISH, GAINESVILLE.—Rev. CHAS. A. DEASY, Rector.

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| Baptisms—White, infant,..... | 1 |
| Confirmations—White,..... | 1 |
| Communicants—White, present number,..... | 10 |

The Rector commenced officiating June 14th, 1857. Except during an absence of two months, he held service four times every month until January, 1858, since which time he has officiated twice every month.

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, JACKSONVILLE.—Rev. THOS. A. MORRIS, Rector.

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| Baptisms—White, adults, 3; infant, 1; Colored, infant, 1,..... | Total, 5 |
| Confirmations—White,..... | 6 |
| Marriages—White,..... | 1 |
| Deaths—White,..... | 2 |
| Communicants—White, at the last report, 22; Died, 2; Removed, 2; Present No.,... | 23 |
| Sunday Schools—Teachers, 6; Scholars, White, 25; Colored, 20,..... | Total, 45 |
| Communion Administered,..... | 9 |
| Communion Offerings,..... | \$38 00 |
| Collections—Domestic Missions,..... | 11 00 |

Time spent in the Parish, in the performance of its regular duties, since last Report, nine months.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, LOWNDES COUNTY.—Rev. W. J. PRADUR, Rector.

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| Baptisms—White, adult, 1; infants, 2; Colored, adult, 6,..... | Total, 9 |
| Confirmations—White,..... | 8 |
| Marriages—White,..... | 1 |
| Burials—White,..... | 4 |
| Communicants—White, at the last report, 9; Removed, 3; Present number,.... | 16 |
| Colored, at the last report, 4; Present number,..... | 4 |
| Communion Administered,..... | 5 |

Time spent in the Parish, in the performance of its regular duties, since last Report, twelve months.

The Church has been repaired and painted. The fence around the Graveyard has been rebuilt. An important addition has been made to the Parsonage lot, and one hundred dollars have been raised to repair the Parsonage house.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, LOWNDESBORO'.—Rev. W. J. PRADUR, Rector.

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| Baptisms—White, infants, 12; Colored, infants, 2,..... | Total, 14 |
| Confirmations—White,..... | 1 |
| Deaths—White,..... | 2 |
| Communicants—At the last report, 14; Died, 1; Present number,..... | 19 |
| Communion Administered,..... | 6 |
| Communion Offerings,..... | \$53 85 |

Time spent in the Parish, in the performance of its regular duties, since last Report, twelve months.

Although this Church is situated in a village, we have no Sunday School. The congregation is composed mostly of young people, and there are few children old enough to be taught. As many as "are able to learn what a solemn vow, promise and profession" "was made in their name at their baptism," are taught the Church Catechism by their parents and sponsors. One good mistress teaches the same, orally, to about thirty young negroes on her plantation, and, like most others who have tried it, finds the task far easier than she supposed it would be. May the Lord reward her a hundred fold in her own soul, and in the good character of her servants; and may her example and success induce many others to go and do likewise.

• Referred to Committee on the State of the Church.

The following resolution was presented:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Convention be instructed to have printed ——— copies of the Journal of this Diocese, from its organization up to ———.

On motion, referred to a Select Committee, consisting of Rev. Messrs.

CUSHMAN and MITCHELL, of the Clergy, and Mr. ROBT. S. BUNKER, of the Laity.

Notice was given that the following resolution would be offered to-morrow :

Resolved, That hereafter the Convention meet in the same place every year, and that the place selected be Montgomery.

On motion, the Convention adjourned till half-past 8 o'clock, A. M., to-morrow.

CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY, HUNTSVILLE, ALA., }
Friday, May 21st, 1858. }

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment. After Prayer by the President, the roll was called, and the Minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

Certificates of Election were presented from St. Luke's Church, Jacksonville, and St. Wilfrid's Church, Marion.

The Committee upon Certificates of Election reported them to be in due form, and the following gentlemen entitled to seats :

St. Luke's Church, Jacksonville.—J. B. Forney, R. J. M. Perkins, D. Hoke.

St. Wilfrid's Church, Marion.—L. H. Seawell, Jos. P. Seawell, G. Whitfield.

Their names being called, none responded thereto.

On motion, the Convention proceeded to the election of the Standing Committee of the Diocese by ballot.

The Rev. THOS. A. MORRIS was appointed teller.

After counting the ballots, the following persons were declared duly elected :

Rev. J. M. MITCHELL, Rev. G. F. CUSHMAN, and Rev. J. H. TUCKER, of the Clergy, and Messrs. A. R. BELL, M. J. CONLEY, and S. G. JONES, of the Laity.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Rules of Order be suspended, and the election of Delegates to the General Convention be postponed until the next Convention.

The following preamble and resolution was presented for the consideration of the Convention :

WHEREAS, the selection of Sewanee as the location of the proposed University of the South, does not appear to have given general satisfaction ; therefore,

Resolved, That the Trustees on the part of this Diocese be requested to urge the re-consideration of the question of location at the next meeting of the Board of Trustees, with a view to restore confidence in the minds of those of its friends who deem Sewanee an unsuitable location.

On motion, the above resolution was laid upon the table and made the special order for to-morrow morning, at 9 o'clock.

The following resolution was offered :

Resolved, That the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of Tennessee be requested to be present at the discussion on to-morrow, on the subject of asking a reconsideration of the location of the University of the South, and that he make, if he so desires, a statement respecting the nature of that location.

The Convention then took a recess for Divine Service.

After Divine Service, the Convention was called to order by the President.

The Bishop then read his Annual Address.

BISHOP'S ADDRESS.

In compliance with the Canons of the Church, I herewith respectfully lay before the Convention an account of my official acts during the last year.

7th, 8th and 9th May, 1857.—I attended the Annual Convention of the Diocese, which was held in St. John's Church, Montgomery. Although this Convention was not numerously attended, yet it was marked by a spirit of harmony and of pleasant intercourse among the brethren.

11th May.—Baptised an adult and confirmed two persons in St. John's, Montgomery.

13th May.—Consecrated the new Church of St. Paul's, Lowndesboro. This is a beautiful Church, exhibiting much architectural taste, and highly creditable to the zeal and liberality of the Congregation. The Rev. Messrs. MITCHELL, PERDUE, and GEO. W. STICKNEY were present, and assisted in the ceremonies.

Sunday after Ascension.—Visited Mobile, and preached in Trinity Church a sermon in behalf of the Brotherhood of the Church. During this visit, I confirmed four persons belonging to Trinity Church, and two belonging to St. Mary's Church, Summerville.

Whitsunday.—Confirmed one person in St. John's Church, Montgomery.

Trinity Sunday.—Preached in neighborhood of Talladega, in a private house, and baptised two infants. It is a source of great regret that in the interesting town of Talladega there are no regular services of the Church. I shall not fail to do all in my power to have a Mission of the Church established there.

8th June.—Preached in Jacksonville, and confirmed six persons.

10th June.—Preached twice in Asheville, and confirmed three persons. Although the congregation here is very small, they have zealously determined to erect a Church, which is now under contract.

12th June.—Preached three times in Elyton, baptised two adults and four infants, and confirmed ten persons—of whom one was a colored man. Here there is an interesting field for the Church, and I hope soon to see a Minister settled here.

1st Sunday after Trinity.—Preached in Montevallo, and baptised one infant.

23d June.—In St. John's Church, Montgomery, I ordained to the Priesthood Rev. A. ANASTASIUS MENZES, Deacon. The candidate was presented by Rev. J. M. MIRONZELL, who, with Rev. W. J. PERDUE, united in the imposition of hands.

4th July.—Attended the meeting of Bishops at Chattanooga, who assembled

there for the purpose of consulting about the founding of a University for the South. During this meeting I preached once.

After my return from Chattanooga, I remained in Montgomery till the middle of October, and in the absence of Rev. J. M. MITCHELL, I officiated regularly in St. John's Church.

8d Sunday in October.—Preached twice in Eufaula; confirmed one person and baptised seven children. I regret that this interesting Parish is yet without a Minister. Hopes at one time were entertained that Rev. Mr. ELLIS would return and settle among the people, who were greatly attached to him.

20th October.—Officiated in a Chapel on Col. TURNER's plantation in Russell County; confirmed seventeen colored persons, and administered the Communion to forty colored communicants. It was an occasion of great interest, and I was forcibly reminded how much can be accomplished for the religious edification of our colored people, by patient and persevering attention of masters and Ministers.

21st October.—Preached in St. John's in the Wilderness to a small congregation.

22d October.—Preached at Youge's Depot—baptised one adult and two children, and confirmed four persons, of whom two were colored. Here is a good opening for the Church.

23d October.—Visited West Point, preached, and confirmed three persons.

24th October.—Went to Tuskegee, confirmed one person and baptised five children. In this growing and interesting town it is very important that the Church should be permanently established.

Fourth Sunday in October.—Spent the day in Auburn; preached twice; confirmed one person and baptised one child.

26th October.—Visited Tallassee; preached once and confirmed three persons.

First Sunday in November.—Went to Greensboro'; officiated twice and confirmed two persons.

2d November.—Preached in St. John's in the Prairies. The present building is in a very dilapidated condition, but efforts are being made for the erection of a new building.

4th November.—Visited St. Mark's in the Fork of Greene, preached, and confirmed one person.

5th November.—Went to Eutaw; preached, and confirmed two persons.

Second Sunday in November.—Visited Tuskalooza; preached several times; baptised five children and confirmed seventeen persons, of whom one was colored.

11th November.—On my return from Tuskalooza, I stopped in Greensboro'; preached, and confirmed four persons.

Third Sunday in November.—Visited Marion; preached twice and confirmed ten persons, of whom one was colored.

25th November.—Attended the meeting of the Trustees of the Southern University, the object of which meeting was mainly to decide upon the locality of the contemplated University. After much discussion and a number of ballots, Sewanee Mountain—a branch of the Cumberland Mountains in Tennessee—was selected.

First Sunday in December.—Went to St. Peter's, Lowndes; preached, and confirmed six persons. In passing through Lowndesboro', I stopped and confirmed a sick man in private.

26th December.—Baptised eighteen colored children belonging to Mrs. JARRATT, of Montgomery county.

First Sunday after Epiphany.—Went to Selma; preached a number of times, and confirmed six persons. I am gratified to state that a neat and comfortable Rectory has been erected by the congregation in Selma.

18th January, 1858.—Ordained in St. John's Church to the Priesthood, EDWARD DUNNISON, Deacon. The sermon was preached by Rev. G. F. CUSHMAN, and the Candidate presented by Rev. J. M. MITCHELL.

Sexagesima Sunday.—Visited Cahaba; preached twice; administered the communion, and confirmed four persons.

Quinquagesima Sunday.—Went to Carlowville; preached twice; administered the communion, and confirmed one white and six colored persons.

Ash Wednesday.—Preached at a Missionary station called County Line, in the lower part of Dallas county, and on the following Friday preached again and confirmed one person.

First Sunday in Lent.—Spent this day in Camden, Wilcox county; preached, and confirmed one person.

1st March.—Confirmed one person in Montgomery.

Third Sunday in Lent.—Visited Mobile. Preached in the morning in St. John's Church, and confirmed fourteen persons. In the afternoon officiated at Spring Hill and confirmed one person. In the evening of the same day preached in Christ Church.

8th March.—Confirmed two in St. John's Church, Mobile.

10th and 11th March.—Visited St. Stephen's, Washington county; preached twice; baptized one adult and two children; confirmed four persons and administered the communion.

Fourth Sunday in Lent.—Spent this Sunday in Mobile. In the morning preached in Trinity Church and confirmed twenty-one, and also baptised an infant. In the afternoon, preached at St. Mary's, and confirmed five. At night, preached in Christ Church.

17th March.—Confirmed in private an infirm lady belonging to St. Mary's.

20th March.—Preached at Spring Hill, and confirmed one person. Here the Rev. J. J. NICHOLSON has an interesting school, and also acts as Missionary.

Fifth Sunday in Lent.—Spent this Sunday in Mobile. In the morning, preached in Christ Church, and confirmed nine. In the afternoon, at Church of the Good Shepherd, and confirmed three colored persons. At night, preached in Trinity Church, and confirmed twelve, of whom one belonged to St. Mary's, and one to St. Luke's, Cahaba.

22d March.—Confirmed four in St. John's Church, Mobile, of whom one belonged to St. Mary's, and two to Trinity Church. I was much gratified to find the Church in Mobile in a healthy and flourishing condition, and hope soon to see another congregation organised there.

30th March.—Admitted to the Diaconate my son, RICHARD H. CORNS, A. B. The sermon was preached by Rev. W. J. PERDUE, and the candidate presented by Rev. J. M. MITCHELL.

Easter Sunday.—Confirmed in St. John's Church, Montgomery, thirteen white persons, and in the afternoon confirmed two colored persons, in the old Parish Church, in which services are regularly held for the colored people.

7th April.—Preached in Cahaba.

9th April.—Preached in St. David's, Dallas county, and baptised one infant. I regret that this small but very interesting Parish is still without a Minister.

First Saturday and Sunday after Easter.—Spent these days at Woodville, but was prevented by heavy rains from holding services on Sunday morning.

11th April.—Had an appointment to preach at Newbern, Greene county, but from the state of the roads was unable to reach the place. Fortunately, the Rev. Messrs. HANSON and W. A. STICKNEY were present, and officiated in my absence.

12th April.—On the evening of this day, lectured at Mr. THOMAS WALTHALL's, and confirmed sixteen of his servants. Mr. WALTHALL and his brother are manifesting a most commendable zeal in having religious services for their servants.

The Minister who officiates is much encouraged by the prospects of usefulness among the servants, on both those plantations.

14th April.—Preached in Church of the Holy Cross, Woodville, and confirmed one person.

15th April.—Preached in St. Michael's, Marengo, and confirmed one person. I regret to state that this interesting Parish is without a Minister.

16th April.—Preached in Dayton, Marengo county. Here there is a good opening for the establishment of the Church.

17th and 18th April.—Preached in St. Andrew's Church, Prairieville. Consecrated the Church and confirmed six persons. There were present of the Clergy Rev. Messrs. HANSON, COBB, STICKNEY and SMITH.

Second Sunday after Easter.—In the afternoon of this Sunday, preached in Demopolis and confirmed two persons.

19th April.—Preached again in Demopolis, and confirmed two persons.

22d April.—Visited Butler, the county town of Choctaw, and preached.

23d April.—Went to Pushmattaha, Choctaw county; confirmed five persons, administered the communion; and organized a Parish by the name of Calvary Church.

Third Sunday after Easter.—Spent this day in Livingston; preached twice and confirmed four persons.

27th April.—Visited Gainesville; baptised an infant; preached, and confirmed one person. Here we hope to have a Church erected.

30th April.—Consecrated St. Mark's Church in the Fork of Greene; preached and confirmed one person. The Clergy who were present and assisted, were Rev. Messrs. HANSON, COBB, STICKNEY, SMITH, and DEASY. At night preached in St. Stephen's Church, Eutaw.

Fourth Sunday after Easter.—Officiated in St. John's Church, Montgomery, and confirmed five persons.

Fifth Saturday and Sunday after Easter.—Visited Huntsville; preached several times, and confirmed eleven persons.

11th May.—Went to St. John's Church, Madison county; preached twice, and confirmed seven, of whom one was a colored person.

12th May.—Preached at St. Mark's Chapel, Madison county. Here, if active steps were taken, a Parish might be organised, and a Church built. In the afternoon of the same day, went to Athens and preached. Here there is a favorable opening for the Church.

14th May.—Visited Decatur and preached.

15th and 16th May.—Visited Florence; baptised two adults and four infants; preached twice and confirmed three persons.

Sunday after Ascension.—Came to Tuscumbia; preached in the afternoon and at night; baptised an infant and confirmed one person.

19th May.—Held another confirmation in the Church of the Nativity, and administered that rite to seven persons, of whom two were colored.

I have thus been enabled by the good Providence of God to visit, since the last Convention, every organized congregation in the Diocese, and have been blessed with health and strength to do more work than in any former year. I have confirmed 277 persons, of whom 52 were colored. I have baptised 12 adults and 65 infants; have ordained one Deacon and two Priests; have consecrated three Churches, and have preached about 140 times.

The following changes have taken place among the Clergy since the last Convention.

Rev. L. R. STAUDENMAYER has been transferred to Kansas.

Rev. J. H. INGRAHAM to the Diocese of Tennessee.

Rev. GEO. WHITE has taken letters dismissory to the same Diocese.

Rev. A. MENZES has resigned his charge of St. Michael's Church, Marengo, and is acting as Missionary in Washington and Choctaw counties.

Rev. EDWARD DENNISTON has been canonically received into this Diocese from Mississippi, and is officiating as a Missionary at Auburn, Tuskegee, Tallahassee, Younge's Depot, West Point, and St. John's in the Wilderness, Russell county.

Rev. H. N. PIERCE has been received into the Diocese from New Jersey, and is Rector of St. John's Church, Mobile.

Rev. W. D. HARLOW has been transferred from Tennessee, and is in charge of the Church in Florence.

Rev. H. F. M. WHITESIDES has taken letters dismissory from the Bishop of Maryland, and is in charge of the Church in Tuscumbia.

CANDIDATES FOR ORDERS.

The following persons have been admitted Candidates for Holy Orders, since last Convention, to-wit: J. C. WADDILL, C. A. BRADFORD, J. F. SMITH, SETH W. ROBERTS.

There are now seven Candidates for Orders in the Diocese.

I have received the following official notifications, to-wit:

From Bishop DAVIS, of South Carolina, informing me that he had displaced from the Ministry ALBON WOODWARD, a Presbyter.

From Bishop LEE, of Iowa, certifying me of the deposition of DANIEL F. HUTCHINSON, a Presbyter.

From Bishop SMITH, of Kentucky, informing me that he had deposed from the Ministry DAVID C. MAYBIN, a Presbyter.

From Bishop POTTER, of Pennsylvania, certifying me of the deposition of GEO. C. FOOTE, a Presbyter, and of SAMUEL B. SEAMAN, a Deacon.

From Bishop ATKINSON, of North Carolina, certifying me that he had displaced from the Ministry F. W. THOMAS, a Deacon.

Having heard through the papers of the death of the Rt. Rev, GEO. W. FREEMAN, D. D., Missionary Bishop of Arkansas, it becomes my duty to announce that melancholy fact to the Convention. Having long known our departed brother, and having often taken sweet counsel with him in days that are past, I may be permitted, in mingling my sympathies with his afflicted family and bereaved Diocese, here to testify to his sound, discriminating, well-balanced and practical judgment; to his faithful and evangelical preaching, and to his laborious and faithful services in the

cause of Christ and His Church. As we mourn over the loss of those we love, may we all be taught "so to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom."

On a review of my official acts during the past year, I find that there have been fifty-two colored persons confirmed. Although this is a very small number, yet it is an increase upon any former year. I regard it as one of the favorable and encouraging signs of the Diocese, and I trust that the time is not far distant when multitudes of that race will come into the Church and avail themselves of services so eminently adapted to their circumstances. The duty of carrying the Gospel and the Church to this class of our population is one so obvious and so imperative that it would be superfluous to offer any consideration to enforce its obligation.

I would recommend to the Convention the re-organization of the Bible and Prayer Book and Tract Society for the Diocese of Alabama. This Society was once in existence, and although it may not have accomplished all that was desired, yet there is no reason why another effort should not be made. The demand for Prayer Books is constant and increasing, and it is important that a Depot should be established in some central part of the Diocese, from which Parishes—especially the new and weaker ones—might be supplied with books and tracts. I would therefore propose to this Convention to elect three persons to act as an Executive Committee, with instructions to obtain and to keep on hand a supply of Prayer Books and Tracts.

I would suggest to the Clergy the expediency of having the children of their charge publicly catechized by the Bishop on every occasion of his official visitation. Not that the instructions of the Bishop are more valuable than those of the Parochial Clergy, but it will enable the Bishop to manifest an interest in the lambs of his flock, and by his official influence to hold up the hands of the Minister in his efforts to bring the young under the sanctions of the Church. The great hope of the success and permanent prosperity of the Church must be in the rising generation. Children must not only be baptised, but they must be regarded as members of the Church; as such they must be looked after, and cared for, and instructed.

I will avail myself of this occasion to suggest to the Clergy, that from time to time they make short Missionary excursions to adjacent neighborhoods, in which there are no regular services of our Church. Even an occasional week day service, when perhaps only five or six persons are gathered together, will not be labor lost. In this way our Church may be made more aggressive, and more efficient, and more adapted to the scattered condition of our population. Many families may thus be reached and kept from wandering away from the church, and a foundation may be laid for the establishment of future organized Parishes. We must not despise the day of small things, and should remember that in preaching to five or six attentive hearers, we often do more good than in addressing larger and promiscuous assemblies. Those Ministers are ordinarily the most successful in building up congregations, who direct their attention more to individuals than to masses.

As I feel it my duty to say something in reference to the support of the Clergy, I will quote a paragraph from my Conventional Address of 1849, with the remark that my sentiments as therein expressed, are unchanged:

"Another difficulty in the way of building up the Church is in the inadequate support of the Clergy. The salaries pledged to our Ministers are necessarily small, and even these are not always punctually and fully paid. This neglect, I am fully persuaded, arises from no disregard to the rights and the comfort of the Minister; from no

unwillingness or inability to pay what is due on the part of the congregation, but from the want of some one to take a personal active interest in the Minister's salary, and to see that it is promptly and fully paid. When collections are postponed or overlooked till the subscriptions are due for two years, and are then called for at once, the burthen of supporting the ministry is found to be oppressive; dissatisfaction ensues; complaints are uttered; contributions are diminished; the Minister, after struggling for a while with mortification, and want, and debt, resigns his charge, and the door of the Sanctuary being closed, the congregation is scattered and weakened. But few can conceive or tell the anguish of soul suffered by a modest Minister, when, in withholding his little stipend, he thinks he sees the evidence that his people care nothing for him—that he has forfeited their esteem, and that his influence over them has been lost. It is this thought, and not the sense of poverty and want that weighs down and crushes the innermost soul of the Minister; that paralyses his energies; that deadens his zeal, and that blunts and dries up his holiest sensibilities and sympathies. Now, all this distress and mortification suffered by the Minister, and all this sad and lasting injury sustained by the congregation, might be prevented by a little attention to punctuality and system, by some one, even the humblest of the congregation, who would make it his business simply to remind the people at stated times, of their obligation and their duty. There are, in almost every Parish of the Diocese, ability and willingness, if properly directed, to furnish an adequate and comfortable support to the Minister of the Church. As the Bishop of the Diocese, I would beg leave respectfully and earnestly to call the attention of the congregations to this subject, as one of vital importance to their own best interests. I have hardly ever known the spiritual state of a Parish to be permanently a prosperous and a healthy one, when its pecuniary affairs were in a deranged and embarrassed condition. In proportion to the means of our congregations, and in comparison with what is expended on objects, confessedly of far less importance, the amount contributed to the support of the Clergy is but a very small pittance, and if paid systematically and promptly, would be felt to be no pressure. In behalf, then, of the Clergy, who are restrained by delicacy from pressing their just claims, and who yet of all other men are expected to be most scrupulous and punctual in the payment of their debts, I would earnestly ask, not for large salaries, but that their salaries, when promised, be punctually and fully paid."

In conclusion, I would call the attention of the Convention to the importance of establishing a Female Episcopal Seminary, to be under the control of the Convention of the Diocese. The want of such an Institution is so obvious and so pressing, that I need not take time to enforce its claims. When so much has been done by other christian bodies in the cause of education, it is high time that our Church should be making some efforts in the same direction. At the last Convention one Clergyman and two Laymen were appointed to act as a Committee with the Bishop, in order to take this subject into consideration, and to adopt and to carry out such plans as they might deem most advisable. That Committee has prepared a report which I herewith submit to the Convention, and would respectfully recommend its adoption.

N. H. COBBS.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DIOCESAN FEMALE SEMINARY.

The Committee appointed by the last Annual Convention of the Diocese, to make preliminary arrangements to establish a Diocesan Female Seminary, beg leave to submit the following report:

First, That that they have fixed upon Montgomery as the location of the proposed Seminary, having been led thereto mainly by the following considerations, to-wit: 1. Convenience to the Diocese at large, by reason of its centrality and easy accessibility. 2. The desire to have the Seminary as much as possible under the direct supervision of the Bishop of the Diocese. 3. The probability that while the Seminary located at Montgomery would offer as many advantages to its patrons throughout the Diocese, generally, as if placed in a more retired country locality, it would, at the same time, be sufficiently patronized by the citizens of Montgomery alone to ensure its support, and thus not run the risk of failure by lack of pupils from a distance.

Second, That they have purchased, just beyond the corporate limits of Montgomery, in a neighborhood long noted for its healthfulness, a beautiful grove of nearly ten acres in extent, and exceedingly well suited to the purposes contemplated, at a cost of six thousand dollars; that they propose to pay this sum by subscriptions from citizens of Montgomery, nearly that amount having been already subscribed, that they hope to obtain and think they can obtain in Montgomery the additional amount of \$4,000, making \$10,000 in all; and that they hope the Diocese at large can be induced to subscribe the further sum of at least \$20,000.

Third, That they purpose to obtain from the next Legislature of the State the most favorable charter possible; but that meanwhile they propose to procure plans and to commence erecting suitable buildings as soon as the amount subscribed shall, in their judgment, render it expedient to do so.

Fourth, That they recommend that when suitable buildings shall have been erected, in order to secure at once a corps of competent Teachers, said building be leased, free of charge, for a term of years, to such person or persons applying for the same, as the Trustees may deem best qualified to make it a Seminary every way worthy of patronage; the terms of the lease thereafter to be determined by the Trustees during the third year of the operation of the Seminary.

Fifth, That deeply impressed with the importance of having in the Diocese, and in a large measure under the direction of the Convention of the Diocese, a Female Seminary not inferior in rank or in provision for thorough literary and christian education to any similar Seminary in the United States, they earnestly invoke the hearty co-operation of the whole Diocese, and if this Convention shall see fit to sanction what they have already done and still propose to do, as set forth in this Report, they recommend the adoption, by this Convention, of the following resolution, to-wit:

Resolved, That the Committee appointed at the last Annual Convention of the Diocese to make preliminary arrangements to establish a Diocesan Female Seminary, be authorized to employ one of their own number, or some other fit person, to act as an agent during the current year to solicit subscriptions in the Diocese and elsewhere, to aid in establishing a Diocesan Female Seminary at Montgomery, to be under the control of a Board of Trustees, consisting of the Bishop of the Diocese ex-officio, and of one Presbyter and two Laymen, to be elected annually by the Convention of the Diocese.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

N. H. COBBS, Chairman.

On motion, the Annual Address of the Bishop was referred to the Committee on the State of the Church, excepting that portion relating to the Diocesan Female Seminary, which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion, the Convention proceeded to the election of Trustees of the Bishop's Fund.

Messrs. ELLERBE, ALISON and S. G. JONES were nominated and re-elected Trustees of the Bishop's Fund for the ensuing year.

The Committee on re-printing some of the old Journals made the following report:

The Committee appointed to consider the resolution touching the reprinting of some of the earlier Journals of this Convention, beg leave respectfully to report that to the best of their knowledge and belief, there is but one complete set of the Journals in existence—the one now in the possession of the Chairman of this Committee. Other persons in the Diocese have labored long and diligently to perfect another copy, but, as in the case of the Lay member of this Committee, have been obliged to give up in despair, after a research and enquiry in all parts of the Diocese for ten continuous years. The one existing copy is therefore of inappreciable value, as without it no complete history of the Diocese could be written. Some two years since, another copy, then owned by the author of this report, was destroyed by fire. The present volume is liable to the same or other accidents, and it seems to be unwise in the Convention to allow so great a risk to continue. There are many members of the Diocese who would be glad to possess perfect sets of its Journals, and could some of the earlier numbers be reprinted, it would be easy to supply the remainder. The Committee are not prepared to say what would be the cost of the proposed reprint; but they believe that if the first four Journals, with the sixth seventh and eighth, could be reprinted, many complete sets of the Journal could be made up. They therefore would recommend that \$..... be appropriated to this object, and that a Committee be appointed to superintend such reprint, to report at the next Convention.

GEO. F. CUSHMAN, Chairman.

The Report was received and on motion referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion, the Convention adjourned until 4 o'clock, P. M.

CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY, HUNTSVILLE, ALA., }
Friday, 5 o'clock, P. M. }

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

On motion, the Convention proceeded to the election of the Executive Committee of the Diocesan Missionary Society.

Rev. Messrs. LEE, CUSHMAN and MASSEY, of the Clergy, and Messrs. CONLEY and ELLERBE, of the Laity, were nominated and re-elected the Executive Committee of the Diocesan Missionary Society.

THOMAS W. MCCOY was nominated and re-elected Treasurer of the Diocesan Missionary Society.

The Committee on Unfinished Business made the following report:

The Committee on Unfinished Business find nothing to report, except a resolution for the re-organization of the Diocesan Missionary Society, which was appointed for consideration at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

W. A. STICKNEY, Chairman.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the re-organization of the Diocesan Missionary Society be postponed till the next Convention.

Rev. GEO. F. CUSHMAN, of the Committee on the State of the Church, made the following report:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCH

The Committee on the State of the Church having patiently considered the documents referred to them, respectfully submit the following report:

They rejoice to be able to say, and they wish it to be regarded as no stereotyped phrase, that the progress of the Church during the Conventional year, has been onward. While it is still the day of small things with us, it is yet a day not to be despised; and the Bishop's Address and Parochial Reports abundantly show that we have reason to thank God and take courage.

Three new Parishes have been admitted into union with the Diocese at the present session of the Convention, and we gladly welcome them to our ranks. And yet the Committee would suggest that in this matter of the admission of new Parishes it may sometimes be the case that "the more haste is the worse speed." There are certain kinds of land of which the more a man owns the poorer he is, and there may be Parishes whose names upon the record are only signs of the weakness of the Church. Their history is a history of unpaid assessments—they are a name and nothing more.

The number of Confirmations reported by the Bishop, though still far from what it ought to be, yet shows a decided increase over any former year. One peculiarity of these has afforded to the Committee unfeigned satisfaction—the fifty-two confirmations of colored persons. They prove that the Church is bestowing more and more attention upon this neglected class. It is rightly claimed, that whether bought with our money or born in our house, they sustain the same relation to us that the servants of old did to patriarchs and prophets. The obligation, then, to provide for their spiritual as well as temporal wants, cannot be gainsaid. It would be in vain for us to claim the true notes of the Church—that we are one Holy Catholic and Apostolic, if we do not possess the noblest note of all—"the Gospel preached to the poor." The Committee trust the Clergy, as opportunity is given, are not remiss in the discharge of this portion of their duty; but they would remark that it is a field of labor where they must especially have the zealous co-operation of the Laity. The Committee heartily respond to the remarks of the venerable Bishop, and express the hope that he will continue to give upon this subject line upon line, until in every Parish in the Diocese there shall be established a regular colored congregation. It would give the Church an incalculable moral influence and power, and would do away the groundless, but still existing prejudice, that ours is the Church of the rich. The Church of Christ is the Church of master and servant, of rich and poor, of high and low, one with another.

The Committee regard as one of the strong features of the Church, its thoughtful care of the lambs of the flock. She takes them at their birth to the font, and never leaves them until she consigns them to the tomb. It would be a long step in advance, if, upon every occasion of the Bishop's official visitation to the Parishes, arrangements could be made for him to catechise the children openly in the Church. It would make an abiding impression upon their minds, which would find its way to their hearts, and remain with them while life itself should last. The Committee feel sure that the additional labor would be regarded by the Bishop as a labor of love; and they trust that the Clergy will see to it that the children, as well as adults in their Parishes, reap the benefit of his godly counsels.

The Committee would especially commend to the Church the project of the Diocesan Female School, to be located in or near Montgomery. How pressing the need of it, christian parents can tell who now feel constrained to send their daughters to distant States to be educated, or to place them in Roman Catholic Convents. The Church owes it to herself to establish a School which will be under her own supervision, and whose high character shall command patronage and respect. To do this, will require means, and the Committee would urge the subject upon the attention of the Parishes, feeling assured that if they sow the seed, they will reap abundant fruit.

Several years since, an attempt was made to establish in the Diocese a Bible, Prayer Book and Tract Depository, where at all times might be found a supply of what is so much needed, and what it is often difficult to procure without great loss of

time and much unnecessary expense. The Committee would suggest that the attempt be renewed, and that suitable persons—the Bishop at their head, be appointed to locate such a Depository at Montgomery, and to manage its affairs.

The Committee would call the attention of the Laity to the subject of the salaries of the Clergy; to the great necessity of promptness and punctuality in their payment. If our wise and liberal Laity would contrast their own comfortable incomes with those of their Ministers, and remember the increasing cost of the necessities of life, we are sure they would act promptly in this matter. A salary paid at quarter day is worth two salaries promised; and a Minister may be employed to better purpose than in attempting to borrow money here and there to meet his current expenses, because he does not receive his own. The salaries of the Clergy are obligations voluntarily assumed, and should therefore be regarded as debts of honor. The Committee, on behalf of the Clergy, desire to thank the Bishop for his earnest and eloquent words, and trust they will bear fruit. It is not large, but timely payments that are the need of the Church.

The Committee would call the earnest attention of the Clergy to the suggestion of the Bishop, touching excursions into the neighborhoods adjacent to their Parishes. Every Minister, by virtue of his office, is a Missionary—the world is the field of his labor. Such excursions would be productive of great good, and the occasional visit and sermon of the Minister, if only to two or three, would often lay the foundation of a Church. The Committee can call to mind what is now a flourishing Parish, where, but a few years ago, even, at the visitation of our own Bishop, a jury room in a courthouse would more than hold his congregation; and the most of our Parishes, in fact, owe their origin to such missionary labors.

The Committee had intended to close this report by an exhibition of the statistics of the year, but have been deterred by the fact that so many of the Parishes have failed to forward their annual reports. This is an evil much to be deplored. The abstract appended to the Journal is thus rendered imperfect, and the Diocese loses abroad the consideration to which it is justly entitled.

There are several other suggestions the Committee would like to have made—they would have been glad to elaborate those here set down. The importance of collecting and preserving the history of the origin and growth of the several Parishes, as a step towards the history of the Diocese, presses forcibly upon their minds. The time is rapidly passing away when it will be possible to do this. The Committee can only commend it to the notice of both the Clergy and Laity, in the hope that they speak as unto wise men, whose deeds will prove that a hint is all they need.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

GEO. F. CUSHMAN, Chairman.

A. W. ELLERBE, Treasurer of the Bishop's Fund, made the following report:

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE BISHOP'S FUND.

By reference to the report made at the last Convention, it will be observed that the precise amount of the Permanent Fund is not stated, owing to the fact that, at the time of the report, several Parishes had not paid their assessments. It is the practice of the Treasurer, at the adjournment of each Convention, after the payment of the Bishop's salary, to appropriate any surplus, from whatever source derived, to the increase of the Permanent Fund. At the adjournment of the last Convention, this surplus amounted to.....\$ 202 59

Amount of the Permanent Fund, May, 1857,..... 2,828 48

\$3,031 07

Add 12 months' interest on above,..... 242 48

\$3,273 55

From which deduct paid to Tuscaloosa,..... 40 00

\$3,233 55

To the above will be added any unappropriated funds, should there be any, at the adjournment of the Convention, and the amount be included in the next year's report.

There have been no contributions to the Special Fund since the last Convention, at which time it amounted to \$22,961 80, the interest upon which is appropriated as usual. The Convention is aware that this fund originally consisted of the promissory notes of various contributors, the principal payable, in most cases, five years after date, and the interest due annually, on 1st May. Although the old notes given at the time the first effort was made to raise the fund have been due several years, still, an impression seems to exist in the minds of many of the contributors, that so long as the annual interest is paid, the payment of the principal is entirely optional with the makers of the notes. Owing to the prevalence of this opinion and the recent disturbance in the monetary affairs of the country, inconsiderable collections of the principal have been made. Before the Trustees were instructed by the Convention to invest the fund permanently, the custom had been to loan out the fund as it was paid in by the contributors. In June last, \$3,296 48 were invested in the Bonds of the Mobile and Ohio Railroad. Recently the sum of \$1,050 has been invested in Bonds of the Alabama and Mississippi Railroad, payable in 1865. The interest on all these Bonds is payable semi-annually, at 8 per cent. per annum. There is now on hand about \$1,700 ready to be invested.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. W. ELLERBE, Treasurer.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese, Rev. J. M. MITCHELL, and Messrs. M. J. CONLEY and A. R. BELL, be requested to act as a Committee to establish a Depository of Bibles, Prayer Books and Tracts.

On motion, the Convention adjourned until half past 8 o'clock to-morrow.

CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY, HUNTSVILLE, }
Saturday, May 22, 8½ o'clock, A. M. }

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

After Prayer by the President, the roll was called. The minutes of yesterday's proceedings were then read and approved.

The President retired and called the Rev. F. R. HANSON to the Chair.

The Committee on Finance made the following report:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

The Committee on Finance have examined the Treasurer's accounts and find them correct.

They recommend the following contributions to the Bishop's Fund be transferred, viz: of Mr. C. SMITH, from the Church of the Holy Cross to Grace Church, St. Stephen's; of J. D. PHILLAM, from St. Wilfrid's Church, Marion, to St. John's Church, Montgomery; of Messrs. REAVES, ANDERSON and SPANGLER, from St. James' Church, Livingston, to St. Alban's Church, Gainesville; and of Rev. J. M. ROBERTSON, from the Church of the Nativity, Huntsville, to St. John's Church, Madison county.

The Committee also propose that the Bishop's annual salary be increased to \$2,500, to provide for the payment of which the following assessments are made; also 8 per cent. upon the assessments for the Contingent Fund:

| | Bishop's Salary. | Contingent Fund. |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Christ Church, Mobile,..... | \$500 00 | \$40 00 |
| Christ Church, Tuscaloosa,..... | 200 00 | 16 00 |
| St. John's Church, Montgomery,..... | 300 00 | 24 00 |
| Amount carried forward,..... | \$1,000 00 | \$80 00 |

| | Bishop's Salary. | Contingent Fund. |
|--------------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Amount brought forward,..... | \$1,000 00 | \$80 00 |
| St. Paul's Church, Greensboro',..... | 175 00 | 14 00 |
| Church of the Holy Cross, Uniontown,..... | 80 00 | 6 40 |
| St. Andrew's Church, Macon,..... | 75 00 | 6 00 |
| St. Paul's Church, Selma,..... | 100 00 | 8 00 |
| St. James' Church, Livingston,..... | 40 00 | 3 20 |
| Church of the Nativity, Huntsville,..... | 210 00 | 16 80 |
| St. Paul's Church, Carlowville,..... | 50 00 | 4 00 |
| St. Peter's Church, Lowndes county,..... | 50 00 | 4 00 |
| St. John's Church, Tusculumbia,..... | 25 00 | 2 00 |
| St. Luke's Church, Cahaba,..... | 75 00 | 6 00 |
| St. David's Church, Dallas county,..... | 78 00 | 6 25 |
| Trinity Church, Demopolis,..... | 50 00 | 4 00 |
| St. John's Church in the Wilderness,..... | 24 00 | 1 92 |
| St. James' Church, Eufaula,..... | 50 00 | 4 00 |
| St. Stephen's Church, Eutaw,..... | 50 00 | 4 00 |
| Trinity Church, Mobile,..... | 175 00 | 14 00 |
| St. Mark's Church, Greene county,..... | 40 00 | 3 20 |
| St. Wilfrid's Church, Marion,..... | 45 00 | 3 60 |
| St. Luke's Church, Jacksonville,..... | 25 00 | 2 00 |
| St. John's Church, Elyton,..... | 10 00 | 80 |
| St. Michael's Church, Marengo county,..... | 45 00 | 3 60 |
| Trinity Church, Florence,..... | 50 00 | 4 00 |
| St. John's Church, Mobile,..... | 75 00 | 6 00 |
| St. Mary's Church, Camden,..... | 50 00 | 4 00 |
| Grace Church, St. Stephen's,..... | 15 00 | 1 20 |
| St. Paul's Church, Lowndesboro',..... | 20 00 | 1 60 |
| St. Mary's Church, Mobile,..... | 10 00 | 80 |
| St. Alban's Church, Gainesville,..... | 30 00 | 2 40 |
| St. John's Church, Madison county,..... | 20 00 | 1 60 |
| | <hr/> \$2,742 00 | <hr/> \$219 37 |

The Committee would urge upon the Lay members who have not paid up the Contingent Assessment of their Parishes, to do so immediately.

With regard to the subject referred to this Committee, of re-printing certain of the earlier Journals, they would recommend that the Secretary of this Convention be authorized to contract for the printing of such as may be found necessary; provided the Assessments for the Contingent Fund be sufficient for defraying the expense.

With regard to the subject of a Diocesan Female School, the Committee would express their most hearty approval of the steps already taken and reported to this Convention. They would recommend that the Committee appointed at the last Convention take such steps to secure a Charter of Incorporation, so as to enable the Institution to receive contributions, and to hold such property as may be necessary for the success of the enterprise. The Committee would respectfully recommend the Diocesan School to the consideration of the members of the Church throughout the Diocese.

A. W. ELLERBE, Chairman.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the report be amended by transferring the note of the Rev. J. M. ROBERTSON to the Trustees of the Bishop's Fund, from the Church of the Nativity, Huntsville, to St. John's Church, Madison county.

On motion, it was further amended by assessing St. John's Church, Madison County, twenty dollars.

On motion, the report as amended was unanimously adopted.

The Committee on Canons made the following report:

The Committee on Canons find nothing to report.

F. R. HANSON, Chairman.

And asked to be discharged. The report was received and Committee discharged.

The President resumed the Chair, and the Convention then proceeded to the consideration of the special order.

The Rt. Rev. Bishop of Tennessee complied with the resolution of yesterday and addressed the Convention.

On motion the Convention took a recess for Divine Service.

After Divine Service, the Convention was called to order by the President.

The Rt. Rev. J. H. ORAY resumed his remarks. After some discussion, the question was called for and the resolution was *unanimously* adopted.

On motion, the Convention proceeded to the election of Trustees and Treasurer of the University of the South.

The Rev. H. C. LAY, D. D., and Messrs. C. T. POLLARD and L. H. ANDERSON were nominated and elected Trustees of the University of the South.

Mr. A. R. BELL was nominated and elected Treasurer of the University of the South in the Diocese of Alabama.

On motion, the Convention proceeded to the selection of a place for its next annual meeting.

The following resolution was presented :

On motion, *Resolved*, That the next Annual Convention be held in St. Luke's Church, Cahaba, on the 1st Thursday in May, 1859.

A motion was made to strike out the words, "St. Luke's Church, Cahaba," and insert "St. Stephen's Church, Eutaw," and rejected.

On motion, the original resolution was then unanimously carried.

On motion, the Secretary of the Convention was authorized to erase the word "*Deaths*," and insert the word "*Funerals*," in the sixth line of the Form of Parochial Reports.

The following resolution, presented by the Committee upon the establishment of a Diocesan Female Seminary, was, on motion, unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That the Committee appointed at the last Annual Convention of this Diocese, to make preliminary arrangements to establish a Diocesan Female Seminary, be authorized to employ one of their own number, or some other fit person, to act as an agent during the current year to solicit subscriptions in the Diocese and elsewhere, to aid in establishing a Diocesan Female Seminary at Montgomery, to be under the control of a Board of Trustees consisting of the Bishop of the Diocese, ex officio, and of one Presbyter and two Laymen, to be elected annually by the Convention.

On motion, Ordered that the Secretary have printed 700 copies of the Journal, with the Rules of Order.

On motion, *Unanimously Resolved*, That the thanks of this Convention be tendered to the citizens of Huntsville for their hospitality.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Secretary of this Convention shall have printed in the Journal, (in connection with the form prescribed for Articles of Association,) the legal requisites for the incorporation of Churches, Religious Societies, and Associations for purposes of Education, as contained in the Code of Alabama, from §1257 to §1264, inclusive.

The minutes were read and approved.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Convention adjourn *sine die*.

After Prayer and the Benediction by the Bishop, the Convention adjourned *sine die*.

N. H. COBBS, President.

HENRY A. TAYLOR, Secretary.

R. H. COBBS, Assistant Secretary.

The following Parishes owe their assessments:

| | Bishop's Fund. | Contingent Fund. |
|-------------------------------------------|----------------|------------------|
| Christ Church, Tuscaloosa,..... | \$ | \$16 00 |
| Trinity Church, Demopolis,..... | 46 00 | 4 00 |
| St. Wilfrid's Church, Marion,..... | ..2 years, | 6 40 |
| St. Paul's Church, Selma,..... | ..4 " | 32 00 |
| St. James' Church, Eufaula,..... | 50 00..2 " | 8 00 |
| St. John's Church in the Wilderness,..... | ..5 " | 9 60 |
| St. John's Church, Elyton,..... | ..4 " | 3 20 |
| St. Mary's Church, Camden,..... | 65 00..3 " | 12 00 |
| St. John's Church, Madison County,..... | | 1 60 |
| | <hr/> \$161 00 | <hr/> \$92 80 |

Rules of Order.

RULE 1.—The business of the first day of the Session of every Convention shall be introduced by the Morning Service of the Church, read by the President, or by a clerical member appointed by him; a Sermon and the administration of the Holy Communion: and that of each succeeding day by such prayers as he may select from the Liturgy.

RULE 2.—The order of transacting the business of the Convention shall be—First, the appointment of a President (if there be no Bishop, or if he be absent,) and a Secretary *pro tem*. The Secretary shall then call, in alphabetical order, the names of the Clergy entitled to seats. He shall next call the Churches entitled to representation, when the Delegates shall lay their certificates on the Secretary's table. These shall be referred to a Committee of three, who shall forthwith examine them and report to the Convention. A constitutional quorum having been found present, the President shall declare the Convention duly organized.

RULE 3.—The further order of business shall be as follows: 1. The appointment of a President from among the clerical members present, (if there be no Bishop, or if he be absent.) 2. The appointment of a Secretary. 3. The consideration of the application of Churches or Parishes for admission into union with the Convention. 4. The appointment, by the President, of Standing Committees, viz: the Committee on the State of the Church—The Committee on Canons—the Committee on Finance—the Committee on Unfinished Business. 5. The annual Communication of the Standing Committee of the Diocese. 6. The annual Address of the Bishop, (if there be one, and he be present.) 7. The reports of Committees appointed at the last Convention, with instructions to report at this Convention. 8. The reading of the Parochial Reports. 9. The election of the Standing Committee of the Diocese, by ballot. 10. The election of Delegates to the General Convention, by ballot. 11. Reports to be called for. 12. Miscellaneous business.

RULE 4.—When the President takes the chair, no member shall continue standing, or shall stand up unless to address the President.

RULE 5.—When a member is about to speak in debate, or present any subject to the Convention, he shall, with due respect, address himself to the President, confining himself strictly to the matter under consideration.

RULE 6.—No member shall absent himself from the sessions of the Convention, unless he have leave of the President, or be unable to attend.

RULE 7.—No member shall speak more than twice upon the subject in debate, unless he have leave of the Convention.

RULE 8.—A question being once determined, shall stand as the decision of the Convention, and shall not be again discussed, unless with the consent of two-thirds of the Convention; *Provided, however*, that any member of the Convention voting in the affirmative, may, on the same day on which the vote is taken, move for a reconsideration of the same vote.

RULE 9.—No motion shall be debated, or be considered before the Convention, (except a motion to adjourn,) unless seconded, and reduced to writing (if requested) by the mover, and read by the Secretary.

RULE 10.—When a motion is under consideration, no other motion shall be made, except to amend, to divide, to commit, or to postpone. A motion to adjourn however, shall always be in order and decided without debate.

RULE 11.—A question on amendment shall be decided before the original motion.

RULE 12.—Every member who shall be present, when the question is put, shall vote, unless he be personally interested, or be excused from voting by the Convention.

ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION.

WE, whose names are hereunto affixed, deeply impressed with the importance of the Christian religion, and earnestly desiring to promote its holy influence in the hearts and lives of ourselves, our families, and our neighbors, do hereby associate ourselves together under the name and style and title of the Parish of — Church, —, — County, and State of Alabama, and by so doing, adopt the Constitution and Canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Alabama, in communion with the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America.

Agreeably to Canon XI, 1850, we certify to the Convention of the Diocese of Alabama, that the above recited Articles of Association have been duly signed by the members of the Parish of — Church, —.

CODE OF ALABAMA.—OF RELIGIOUS SOCIETIES.

SEC. 1257. The members of any Church or religious society, wishing to become incorporated, must elect Trustees, not less than three or more than nine.

SEC. 1258. Such Trustees must, within thirty days after their election, file in the office of the Judge of Probate of the county a certificate, stating the corporate name selected, the names of the Trustees, the length of time for which they were elected; which must be subscribed by them, and recorded in the office of such Judge of Probate.

SEC. 1259. The members of such Church or society, their associates and successors, are, from the filing of such certificate, incorporated by the name specified therein.

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SEC. 1261. All certificates filed under the provisions of this Chapter, must be recorded in the office of the Judge of Probate, and a copy thereof, duly certified by such Judge, stating the time when the same was filed, is evidence of the existence of such corporation from that time.

SEC. 1262. Corporations created under this Chapter may hold real and personal property, not exceeding in value fifty thousand dollars; may receive property by gift, will, or devise, holding the same in conformity with all lawful conditions imposed by the donor, and exercise such other powers as are incident to private corporations.

SEC. 1263. In all suits or legal proceedings, the service of a summons or notice on any Trustee of a corporation created under this Chapter, is valid for the purpose of bringing such corporation into court, or for the objects of the notice.

SEC. 1264. The Judge of Probate is entitled to a fee of two dollars for filing and recording all certificates under this Chapter.

Diocesan Officers.

Standing Committee.

Rev. J. M. MITCHELL, Montgomery, President.

Rev. GEO. F. CUSHMAN, Secretary.

Rev. J. H. TICKNOR,

A. R. BELL.

M. J. CONLEY,

S. G. JONES.

Executive Committee of the Diocesan Missionary Society.

Rt. Rev. N. H. COBBS, D. D.

Rev. F. B. LEE,

A. W. ELLERBE,

Rev. J. A. MASSEY,

M. J. CONLEY.

Rev. GEO. F. CUSHMAN.

Treasurer—THOS. W. MCCOY, Mobile.

Trustees of the Bishop's Fund.

A. W. ELLERBE, Treasurer, Liberty Hill, Dallas County,

H. L. ALISON, Carlowville.

SAML. G. JONES, Montgomery.

Court for the Trial of Clergymen.

Rev. F. B. LEE,

Rev. F. R. HANSON,

Rev. H. C. LAY, D. D.

Rev. J. A. MASSEY,

Rev. J. M. BANISTER.

Trustees of the University of the South.

Rev. H. C. LAY, D. D.

C. T. POLLARD,


LEROY H. ANDERSON.

Treasurer of the University of the South in the Diocese of Alabama,

A. R. BELL, Montgomery.

Secretary and Treasurer of the Convention.

HENRY A. TAYLOR, Macon, Marengo County.

 The next Annual Convention will be held in Cahaba, on the first Thursday in May. 1859.

Journal of the Proceedings

OF THE

SOCIETY FOR THE RELIEF OF DISABLED CLERGYMEN, AND OF THE WIDOWS AND ORPHANS OF DECEASED CLERGY- MEN OF THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH, IN THE DIOCESE OF ALABAMA.

MEMBERS.

1846.—Rt. Rev. N. H. COBBS, D. D., *life member*; Rev. F. B. LEE,
Rev. J. A. MASSEY, Rev. F. R. HANSON; H. L. ALISON, H. A.
TAYLOR.

1847.—Rev. J. M. MITCHELL; PAUL LEE, M. J. CONLEY, DAVID MINGE.

1848.—Rev. R. A. COBBS, L. H. ANDERSON, *life member*; E. W. PECK.

1849.—Rev. H. C. LAY, D. D., JOHN P. BROUN, A. W. ELLERBE, THOS.
B. TAYLOR.

1850.—EMANUEL JONES.

1853.—W. W. LANG, *life member*; J. W. CLAY.

1854.—R. P. MCCORD, J. D. ALISON, Mrs. A. J. LEE.

1855.—Rev. B. B. LEACOCK, *life member*; Rev. R. D. NEVIUS, Rev.
GEO. F. CUSHMAN; C. L. STICKNEY, H. E. CURTIS, WM. MORETON
DYER, ISAAC CROOM, Mrs. SAWYER, Mrs. S. E. PASTEUR, Mrs. AVE-
RY, Mrs. THOMAS POE.

1856.—Rev. GEO. W. STICKNEY; Mrs. M. C. LOCKWOOD, Mrs. ABBY
BROUN.

1857.—Mrs. SARAH MICOV, C. T. POLLARD, JAMES MARX, BENJAMIN H.
MICOV, *life members*. S. G. JONES, Miss JANE RANDOLPH, D. W.
PITTS, A. R. BELL, Miss MARY MARX, JAMES CALDWELL, EDWARD
A. SEMPLE, P. T. SAYRE, JOHN W. SHEPHERD, Mrs. JOHN W.
SHEPHERD.

CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY, HUNTSVILLE, }
Friday Afternoon, May 21st, 1858. }

After the adjournment of the Convention, the Society for the Relief of Disabled Clergymen and Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen, was called to order by the Rt. Rev. N. H. COBBS, D. D., President of the Society.

The roll was called by the Secretary, and the following members were in attendance:

Rt. Rev. N. H. CORBES, D. D.

Rev. Messrs. HANSON, MITCHELL, R. A. COBBS, LAY, NEVIUS and CUSHMAN, of the Clergy, and Messrs. ANDERSON, TAYLOR, CONLEY, EL-
LERBE and CLAY.

On motion, the Society proceeded to the election of its annual officers. The Rt. Rev. N. H. COBB, D. D., was nominated and elected President. HENRY A. TAYLOR " " " Secretary. GEO. P. BEIRNE " " " Treasurer.

The account of the Treasurer was presented and referred to a Committee consisting of Messrs. ANDERSON and ELLERBE.

The Committee, after examining the Treasurer's account, reported it correct.

State of the Books of Treasurer of the Society for the Relief of Widows and Orphans, &c., of the Diocese of Alabama, May 1, 1858.

| | | |
|------------------------|-----|------------|
| | DR. | CR. |
| Stock,..... | | \$4,822 04 |
| Interest account,..... | | 416 13 |

| | | |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Bills Receivable,..... | \$5,238 17— | \$5,238 17 |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|

1857.

Statement in Explanation.

| | |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| Jan. 15.—Loaned Memphis and Charleston Railroad Company, at 8 per cent..... | \$1,848 94 |
| Interest to 1st May, 1858,..... | 191 04 |
| Feb. 28.—Loaned Memphis and Charleston Railroad Company, at 8 per cent..... | 1,120 84 |
| Interest to 1st May, 1858,..... | 105 09 |
| May 18.—Cash as per last Report,..... | 1,258 01 |
| Interest to 1st May, 1858,..... | 95 70 |
| “ 22.—Received from St. John’s Church, Montgomery, through Rev. Jno. M. Mitchell,..... | \$25 00 |
| “ 22.—Received from Rev. R. D. Nevius,..... | 5 00— |
| Interest to 1st May, 1858,..... | 30 00 |
| | 2 25 |

1858.

| | |
|------------------------------------------------|------------|
| Jan. 20.—Received E. F. Montague's order,..... | 364 25 |
| Interest and Exchange,..... | 22 05 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$5,988 17 |

1858.

HOW DISPOSED OF.

May 1.—Memphis and Charleston Railroad Company's acceptance, endorsed by Samuel Tate, at 12 months, with interest from 1st May, 1858, at 8 per cent,.....\$5,088 17

In the above balance sheet, Bills Receivable stand charged with.....\$5,238 17
Which is represented by the above acceptance of Memphis and
Charleston Railroad Company,.....\$5,038 17

| | | |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------|-------------|
| R. A. Cobbs' note, due 1st July, 1858,..... | 50 00 | |
| H. L. Alison's note, due 1st May, 1858, with interest,..... | 150 00 | —\$5,238 17 |

GEO. P. BEIRNE, Treasurer.

Huntsville, May 1st, 1858.

On motion, the Society adjourned until after Divine Service to-morrow night.

N. H. COBBS, President.

HENRY A. TAYLOR, Secretary.

CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY, HUNTSVILLE, }
Saturday Evening, May 22, 1858. }

After Evening Prayer, the Society was called to order by the President.

The following resolution was presented:

Resolved, That the claims of this Society be presented to the attention of the Laity in the Diocese of Alabama.

After some speeches in its favor, it was unanimously adopted.

Messrs. J. W. CLAY and ELLERBE were appointed a Committee to obtain members and take up a collection.

On motion, the Society adjourned *sine die*.

N. H. COBBS, President.

HENRY A. TAYLOR, Secretary.

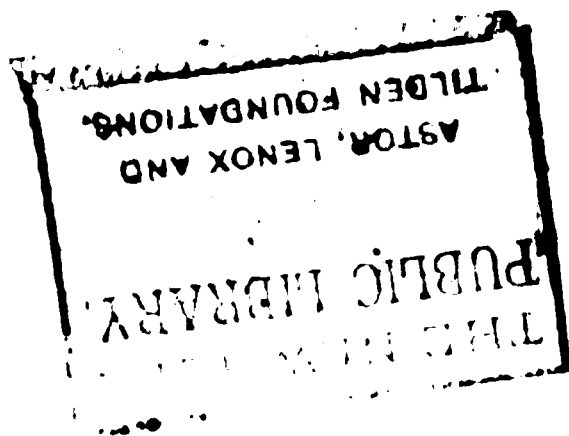
Treasurer of the Society for the Relief of Disabled Clergymen, &c.

GEORGE P. BEIRNE, Huntsville.

• FORM OF PAROCHIAL REPORT.

| _____ Parish. | _____ Rector. | _____ Date. |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-------------|
| Baptisms—White, adults, —; infants, —,..... | Total, — | |
| “ Colored, adults, —; infants, —,..... | “ — | |
| Confirmations—White, —; colored, —,..... | “ — | |
| Marriages—White, —; colored, —,..... | “ — | |
| Funerals—White, —; colored, —,..... | “ — | |
| Communicants—White, at the last report, —; Died, —; Removed, —; pres't No. | — | |
| “ Colored, at the last report, —; Died, —; Removed, —; | “ — | |
| Sunday School—Teachers, —; scholars, white, —; colored,—;..... | Total, — | |
| Library Books..... | — | |
| Communion Administered,..... | — | |
| Communion Offerings,..... | — | |
| Collections—Diocesan Missions,..... | — | |
| “ Domestic “..... | — | |
| “ Foreign “..... | — | |
| “ For Parochial Schools,..... | — | |
| “ For Church purposes generally,..... | — | |
| Time spent in the Parish in the performance of its regular duties, since last Report,..... | — months. | |

REMARKS—



ABSTRACT OF THE

| NAMES OF PARISHES. | When admitted into Union. | Baptisms. | | | | | Confirm'd. | | | Communion. | | |
|---------------------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|--------|------------|----------|--------|------------|----------|-------|
| | | White. | | Colored. | | Total. | White. | Colored. | Total. | White. | Colored. | Died. |
| | | Adults. | Infants. | Adults. | Infants. | | | | | | | |
| Christ Church, Mobile..... | 1830 | 1 | 25 | | | 26 | 9 | | 9 | 223 | | 4 |
| Christ Church, Tuscaloosa..... | 1830 | 1 | 22 | 1 | | 24 | 16 | 1 | 17 | 62 | 10 | |
| St. Paul's Church, Greensboro..... | 1830 | 1 | 14 | | 7 | 22 | 6 | | 6 | | | |
| Trinity Church, Demopolis..... | 1835 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| St. James' Church, Livingston..... | 1836 | 2 | 6 | | | 8 | 4 | | 4 | | | |
| St. John's Church, Montgomery..... | 1837 | 5 | 17 | | 1 | 23 | 26 | 2 | 28 | 161 | 7 | 11 |
| St. Wilfrid's Church, Marion..... | 1838 | 5 | 3 | 1 | 7 | 16 | 7 | 1 | 8 | 52 | 4 | |
| St. Peter's Church, Lowndes county..... | 1838 | 1 | 2 | 6 | | 9 | 8 | | 8 | 16 | 4 | |
| St. Paul's Church, Selma..... | 1838 | | 12 | | | 12 | 5 | | 5 | | | |
| St. Luke's Church, Cahaba..... | 1839 | 5 | 5 | | 22 | 32 | 5 | | 5 | 36 | | 1 |
| St. Paul's Church, Carlisleville..... | 1839 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| St. John's Church, Tuscumbia..... | 1840 | | 1 | | 1 | 2 | 1 | | 1 | | | 1 |
| Trinity Church, Florence..... | 1840 | 2 | 10 | | | 12 | 3 | | 3 | 19 | 1 | |
| Church of the Nativity, Huntsville..... | 1843 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 9 | 15 | 2 | 17 | | | 1 |
| St. David's Church, Dallas county..... | 1844 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| St. Andrew's Church, Macon..... | 1844 | 1 | 4 | | 3 | 8 | 6 | | 6 | | | 1 |
| Church of the Holy Cross, Uniontown..... | 1845 | 1 | 5 | 3 | 16 | 25 | 1 | 15 | 16 | 26 | | |
| St. James' Church, Eufaula..... | 1845 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| St. John's Church in the Wilderness..... | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| St. Stephen's Church, Eutaw..... | 1846 | 1 | | | | 1 | 2 | | 2 | | | |
| Trinity Church, Mobile..... | 1847 | 12 | 61 | | 4 | 77 | 37 | | 37 | 213 | | 41 |
| St. Mark's Church, Greene county..... | 1847 | | | | 12 | 12 | 1 | | 1 | | | |
| St. Luke's Church, Jacksonville..... | 1849 | 3 | 1 | | 1 | 5 | 6 | | 6 | | | 2 |
| St. John's Church, Elyton..... | 1851 | 2 | 7 | | | 9 | 9 | 1 | 10 | | | |
| St. Michael's Church, Marengo county..... | 1853 | | 2 | 1 | | 3 | | | | 18 | 16 | 1 |
| St. John's Church, Mobile..... | 1854 | 3 | 30 | | | 33 | 17 | | 17 | | | |
| St. Mary's Church, Camden..... | 1855 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| St. Paul's Church, Lowndesboro..... | 1856 | | 12 | | 2 | 14 | 1 | | 1 | | | 1 |
| Grace Church, St. Stephens..... | 1856 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Church of the Good Shepherd, Mobile..... | | | | 4 | 11 | 15 | 3 | | 3 | | | |
| St. Mary's Church, Mobile..... | 1857 | 2 | 10 | | | 12 | 8 | | 8 | | | |
| St. John's Church, Madison county..... | 1858 | 1 | 1 | 7 | | 9 | 6 | 1 | 7 | 10 | | |
| St. Alban's Church, Gainesville..... | 1858 | | 1 | | | 1 | 1 | | 1 | | | |
| Trinity Church, Youngsborough..... | 1858 | 3 | 6 | | | 9 | 4 | | 4 | 5 | 2 | |
| Rev. E. Denniston, at various stations..... | | 7 | | 3 | 13 | 23 | 8 | 17 | 25 | 23 | 60 | |
| Spring Hill Mission, Mobile..... | | | 2 | | | 2 | 3 | | 3 | | | |
| | | 63 | 262 | 27 | 101 | 453 | 218 | 40 | 258 | 878 | 104 | 177 |

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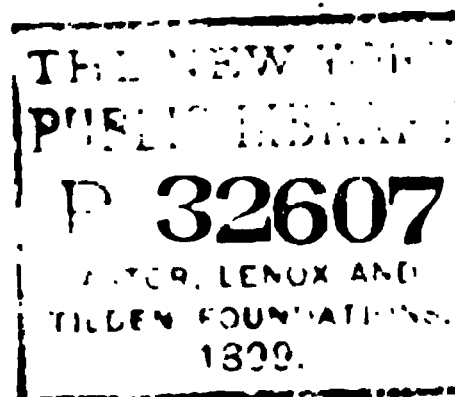
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List of the Clergy in the Diocese of Alabama.

IN ATTENDANCE.

- Rt. Rev. N. H. COBBS, D. D.,.....Montgomery, Ala.
Rev. *W. D. CHRISTIAN, Deacon,.....Missionary at Talladega and Jacksonville.
“ J. M. BANISTER,.....St. Paul's Church, Greensboro'.
“ R. A. COBBS,.....Church of the Holy Cross, Uniontown, Perry County.
“ R. H. COBBS, Deacon, Assistant Minister Church of the Nativity, Huntsville.
“ GEO. F. CUSHMAN,.....St. Luke's Church, Cahaba.
“ EDWARD DENNISTON,.....Missionary at Auburn and Vicinity.
“ F. R. HANSON,.....St. Andrew's Church, Macon, Marengo County.
“ JAMES S. JARRATT, Deacon,..Missionary in Butler and Lowndes Counties.
“ HENRY C. LAY, D. D.,.....Church of the Nativity, Huntsville.
“ F. B. LEE,...St. Paul's Church, Carlowville, Dallas County, and Missionary.
“ J. A. MASSEY,.....Trinity Church, Mobile.
“ A. MENÆOS,.....Calvary Church, Pushmataha, Choctaw County.
“ J. M. MITCHELL,.....St. John's Church, Montgomery.
“ R. D. NEVIUS,.....Christ Church, Tuscaloosa.
“ W. J. PERDUE,..St. Peter's Church, Lowndes County, and St. Paul's Church,
Lowndesboro'.
“ H. N. PIERCE,.....St. John's Church, Mobile.
“ J. A. SHEPHERD,.....Episcopal Female Seminary, Montgomery.
“ S. U. SMITH,.....St. James' Church, Livingston.
“ JAMES F. SMITH,.....Missionary in Autauga County.
“ *W. M. STEELE,.....St. James' Church, Eufaula.
“ WM. A. STICKNEY,.....St. Wilfrid's Church, Marion.
“ J. H. TICKNOR,.....St. Paul's Church, Selma.
“ J. C. WADDILL, Deacon,.....Missionary in Perry and Marengo Counties.

NOT IN ATTENDANCE.

- “ *THOMAS A. COOK,.....Talladega.
“ *CHARLES A. DERBY, Deacon,.....
“ W. D. HARLOW,.....Trinity Church, Florence.
“ B. B. LEACOCK,.....
“ J. J. NICHOLSON,.....Missionary at Spring Hill, Mobile County.
“ *J. B. RAMSDELL,.....
“ J. M. ROBERTSON,.....St. John's Church, Madison County.
“ H. F. M. WHITESIDES,.....St. John's Church, Tuscumbia.

*Not entitled to seats.

List of Lay Delegates.

Christ Church, Mobile.

*ROBERT S. BUNKER,
R. LEE FEARN,
J. S. DEAS,
*T. F. STICKNEY,
GEORGE A. TUTHILL.

St. John's Church, Montgomery.

C. T. POLLARD,
*S. G. JONES,
*JAMES CALDWELL,
*M. J. CONLEY,
*J. D. PHELAN.

Christ Church, Tuscaloosa.

E. W. PECK,
*A. S. NICHOLSON,
DAVID WOODRUFF,
W. H. BEATTIE,
J. D. MARRAST.

St. Paul's Church, Greensboro'.

*C. L. STICKNEY,
ISAAC CROOM,
R. B. WALLER,
A. BENNERS,
J. G. HARVEY.

St. David's Church, Dallas County.

*A. W. ELLERBE.

St. Paul's Church, Selma.

*A. G. MABRY,
*N. H. R. DAWSON,
*A. W. SPAIGHT,
*N. W. SHELLEY,
J. J. ALSTON.

St. Mark's Church, Greene County.

P. B. MINOR,
P. L. LIGHTFOOT,
J. L. BOZMAN,
J. R. BLOCKER.

St. Peter's Church, Lowndes County.

*J. P. BROUN,
JOHN ADAMS,
P. H. TANNER,
THOMAS COREY.

St. John's Church, Mobile.

E. JONES,
WILLIAM JOHNSTON,
W. D. PROUT,
F. E. GORDON.

Trinity Church, Demopolis.

*THOMAS J. BEARD.

St. James' Church, Livingston.

*WM. R. WETMORE,
*THOMAS COBBS,
L. H. ANDERSON,
JOHN PICKFORD,
HENRY R. THORNTON.

St. Paul's Church, Carlowville.

*H. L. ALIBON,
*J. D. ALIBON,
BENJAMIN REYNOLDS,
THOMAS A. DEAS.

Trinity Church, Mobile.

J. E. DUMONT,
*J. G. FRIEND,
*A. F. DOBB,
ROBERT ADAMS.

St. Luke's Church, Cahaba.

*E. M. PERINE,
D. S. TROY,
*J. L. EVANS,
*M. TROY,
*C. C. PEGUES.

St. Andrew's Church, Macon.

*H. A. TAYLOR,
JOHN WILLIAM TAYLOR,
*W. W. DUGGER.

St. Mary's Church, Camden.

*H. E. CURTIS,
F. K. BECK,
*J. F. DORTCH,
SAMUEL B. MATHEWS,
THOMAS K. BECK.

Grace Church, St. Stephens.

L. J. WILSON,
C. STITH,
*R. J. FLETCHER,
F. W. BAKER.

St. Wilfrid's Church, Marion.

*ROBERT T. JONES,
POWHATAN LOOKETT,
JOSEPH J. SEAWELL,
EDWARD L. STICKNEY.

St. James' Church, Eufaula.

E. C. BULLOCH,
JAMES L. PUGH,
JOHN COCHRAN.

St. Stephen's Church, Eutaw.

WILLIAM F. PIERCE,
A. R. JARVIS,
E. A. CAMPBELL.

Those marked thus * were in attendance.

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OF
THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CONVENTION.

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, CAHABA, ALA. }
Thursday, May 5th, 1859. }

This being the day appointed for the meeting of the Twenty-Eighth Annual Convention of the Diocese of Alabama, the Clergy and Laity assembled in St. Luke's Church—Divine Service commenced at 11 o'clock, A. M. Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. H. N. PIERCE and the Rev. JAMES MULCHAHEY, and the ante-Communion Service by the Rt. Rev. N. H. COBBS, D. D. The Sermon was preached by the Rev. J. M. MITCHELL, from the 9th chapter of St. Luke's Gospel, 23d verse:

"And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me."

After the Sermon, the Rt. Rev. N. H. COBBS read the Communion Service and administered the Holy Communion, assisted in the distribution of the elements by the Rev. F. R. HANSON and the Rev. GEO. F. CUSHMAN.

After the Benediction, the Convention was called to order by the Rt. Rev. N. H. COBBS, D. D. On motion, HENRY A. TAYLOR was elected Secretary, pro tem. The Bishop then presented a list of the Clergy *canonically* connected with the Diocese.

Rt. Rev. N. H. COBBS, D. D., residing in Montgomery.

Rev. J. M. BANISTER, St. Paul's Church, Greensboro'.

" W. D. CHRISTIAN, Missionary at Jacksonville and Talladega.

" R. A. COBBS, Church of the Holy Cross, Uniontown.

" R. H. COBBS, Deacon, Assistant Minister of the Church of the Nativity, Huntsville.

" THOMAS A. COOK, residing near Talladega.

" GEORGE F. CUSHMAN, St. Luke's Church, Cahaba.

" EDWARD DENNISTON, Missionary at Auburn and its vicinity.

" CHARLES A. DERBY, Deacon, residing in Eutaw.

" F. R. HANSON, St. Andrew's Church, Macon.

" W. D. HARLOW, Trinity Church, Florence.

" J. S. JARRATT, Missionary in Butler County.

" B. B. LEACOCK, travelling for health in Europe.

- Rev. H. C. LAY, D. D., Church of the Nativity, Huntsville.
 " F. B. LEE, St. Paul's Church, Carlowville.
 " J. A. MASSEY, Trinity Church, Mobile.
 " A. MENAOS, Calvary Church, Choctaw County.
 " J. M. MITCHELL, St. John's Church, Montgomery.
 " R. D. NEVIUS, Christ Church, Tuskaloosa.
 " J. J. NICHOLSON, St. Mary's Church, Summerville, and St. Paul's Church, Spring Hill.
 " H. N. PIERCE, St. John's Church, Mobile.
 " W. J. PERDUE, St. Peter's Church, Lowndes County.
 " J. B. RAMSDALL, residing in Indiana.
 " J. M. ROBERTSON, St. John's Church, Madison County.
 " J. A. SHEPHERD, teaching a Female High School, Montgomery.
 " S. U. SMITH, St. James' Church, Livingston.
 " J. F. SMITH, Deacon, St. Matthew's Church, Autaugaville, and Prattville.
 " W. M. STEELE, St. James' Church, Eufaula.
 " WM. A. STICKNEY, St. Wilfrid's Church, Marion.
 " J. H. TICKNOR, St. Paul's Church, Selma.
 " J. C. WADDILL, Deacon, Missionary in Dallas and Marengo Counties.
 " H. F. M. WHITESIDES, St. John's Church, Tuscumbia.

Their names being called, the following Clergy were found to be in attendance :

Rt. Rev. N. H. COBBS, D. D.

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| Rev. J. M. BANISTER, | Rev. J. M. MITCHELL, |
| " R. A. COBBS, | " R. D. NEVIUS, |
| " R. H. COBBS, | " H. N. PIERCE, |
| " G. F. CUSHMAN, | " W. J. PERDUE, |
| " F. R. HANSON, | " S. U. SMITH, |
| " J. S. JARRATT, | " J. F. SMITH, |
| " H. C. LAY, D. D. | " W. A. STICKNEY, |
| " F. B. LEE, | " J. H. TICKNOR, |
| " J. A. MASSEY, | " J. C. WADDILL. |

The list of Parishes was then called, and Certificates of Election were presented and referred to a Committee upon Certificates of Election, consisting of Rev. Messrs. HANSON, MASSEY and PERDUE.

The Committee upon Certificates of Election having examined the same, reported them in due form, to-wit :

Christ Church, Mobile.—Robert S. Bunker, R. Lee Fearn, J. S. Deas, T. F. Stickney, George A. Tuthill.

St. John's Church, Montgomery.—C. T. Pollard, S. G. Jones, James Caldwell, M. J. Conley, J. D. Phelan.

Christ Church, Tuskaloosa.—E. W. Peck, J. S. Nicholson, David Woodruff, W. H. Beattie, J. D. Marrast..

St. Paul's Church, Greensboro'.—C. L. Stickney, Isaac Croom, R. B. Waller, A. Benners, J. G. Harvey.

St. David's Church, Dallas County.—A. W. Ellerbe.

St. Paul's Church, Selma.—A. G. Mabry, N. H. R. Dawson, A. W. Spaight, N. W. Shelley, J. J. Alston.

St. Mark's Church, Greene County.—P. B. Minor, P. L. Lightfoot, J. L. Bozman, J. R. Blocker.

St. Peter's Church, Lowndes County.—J. P. Broun, John Adams, P. H. Tanner, Thomas Corey.

St. John's Church, Mobile.—E. Jones, Wm. Johnston, W. D. Prout, F. E. Gordon.

St. James' Church, Livingston.—Wm. R. Wetmore, Thomas Cobbs, L. H. Anderson, John Pickford, Henry R. Thornton.

St. Paul's Church, Carlowville.—H. L. Alison, J. D. Alison, Benjamin Reynolds, Thomas A. Deas.

Trinity Church, Mobile.—J. E. Dumont, J. G. Friend, A. F. Dobb, Robert Adams.

St. Luke's Church, Cahaba.—E. M. Perine, D. S. Troy, J. L. Evans, M. Troy, C. C. Pegues.

St. Andrew's Church, Macon.—H. A. Tayloe, John William Tayloe, W. W. Dugger.

St. Mary's Church, Camden.—H. E. Curtis, F. K. Beck, J. F. Dortch, Samuel B. Mathews, Thomas K. Beck.

Grace Church, St. Stephens.—L. J. Wilson, C. Stith, R. J. Fletcher, F. W. Baker.

Trinity Church, Demopolis.—Thomas J. Beard.

St. Wilfrid's Church, Marion.—Robert T. Jones, Powhatan Lockett, Joseph J. Seawell, Edward L. Stickney.

Their names being called, the following Delegates were found to be in attendance :

Messrs. S. G. JONES,
ROB'T S. BUNKER,
T. F. STICKNEY,
C. L. STICKNEY,
A. W. ELLERBE,
A. G. MABRY,
N. H. R. DAWSON,
N. W. SHELLEY,
J. P. BROUN,
WM. R. WETMORE,
THOMAS COBBS,

H. L. ALISON.

Messrs. J. D. ALISON,
J. G. FRIEND,
A. F. DOBB,
E. M. PERINE,
J. L. EVANS,
M. TROY,
C. C. PEGUES,
H. A. TAYLOE,
W. W. DUGGER,
R. J. FLETCHER,
THOS. J. BEARD,

A constitutional quorum being present, the President declared the Convention duly organized.

On motion, HENRY A. TAYLOR was unanimously chosen Secretary. Leave being granted, the Rev. R. H. COBBS was appointed Assistant Secretary.

On motion, *Resolved*, That any Clergyman of the Protestant Episcopal Church, not entitled to a seat, and Candidates for Orders, be invited to seats in the Convention, and report their names to the Secretary.

The Rev. JAMES MULCHAHEY, of Christ Church, Troy, New-York, took a seat in the Convention.

Applications were presented from St. Paul's Church, Mobile county, Calvary Church, Choctaw county, St. James' Church, Claiborne, and St. Matthew's Church, Autaugaville, and were referred to a committee consisting of Rev. Messrs. R. A. COBBS, W. A. STICKNEY, and J. H. TICKNOR.

On motion the Rules of Order were suspended, and on motion,

Resolved, That the re-organization of the Diocesan Missionary Society be made the special order of the day for Friday evening, at eight o'clock.

On motion, the Convention adjourned until half-past four o'clock, P. M.

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, CAHABA, }
4½ o'clock, P. M. }

Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

The Committee on the Admission of New Parishes made the following report:

The Committee on the Admission of New Parishes beg leave to report that they have examined the papers presented by St. Paul's Church, Mobile county, Calvary Church, Choctaw county, and St. James' Church, Claiborne; that they find them all in due form, and recommend that they be admitted into union with the Convention, and offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That St. Paul's Church, Mobile county, Calvary Church, Choctaw county, St. James' Church, Claiborne, be admitted into union with this Convention.

On motion it was *Resolved*, That the report of the Committee on the Admission of New Parishes be recommitted, with instructions to report upon the expediency of admitting each such Parish.

The Bishop appointed the following Standing Committees:

Committee on the State of the Church.—Rev. H. C. LAY, D. D., Rev. J. A. MASSEY, Rev. J. M. BANISTER, Rev. J. M. MITCHELL, Rev. F. B. LEE, Rev. S. U. SMITH.

Committee on Canons.—Rev. H. N. PIERCE, Rev. R. D. NEVIUS, J. D. PHELAN, N. H. R. DAWSON.

Committee on Finance.—Messrs. ELLERBE, ALISON, PEGUES, JONES, MABRY, C. L. STICKNEY, BUNKER, FRIEND, COBBS and BROWN.

Committee on Unfinished Business.—Rev. A. MENÆOS, Rev. J. F. SMITH, Rev. J. S. JARRATT.

The Standing Committee of the Diocese made the following report :

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

The Standing Committee beg leave to report, that they were duly organized by the election of Rev. J. M. MITCHELL, President, and Rev. GEORGE F. CUSHMAN, Secretary.

That during the last Conventional year they have had five meetings.

That they have signed the Testimonials of Rev. SAMUEL BOWMAN, D. D., Assistant Bishop-elect of Pennsylvania, and of Rev. S. H. WESTON, Bishop-elect of Texas.

Also, of Messrs. JAS. F. SMITH, JAS. S. JARRATT, J. C. WADDILL, and C. A. BRADFORD, applying for admission to the Holy Order of Deacons.

Also, of Mr. T. B. COLEMAN, applying to be admitted as a candidate for Holy Orders.

The other proceedings of the Committee are duly recorded upon the minutes, which are present in the Convention for the inspection of the members thereof.

Cahaba, May 5, 1859.

GEO. F. CUSHMAN, Secretary.

On motion, the Rules of Order were suspended, and the Annual Address of the Bishop was postponed until immediately after Divine Service to-morrow.

The Parochial Reports were then called for and handed to the Bishop.

The house then, on motion, proceeded to the election of the Standing Committee of the Diocese, (Rev. Mr. WADDILL and Mr. W. W. DUGGER tellers,) and the following gentlemen were elected :

Rev. J. M. MITCHELL, Rev. J. H. TICKNOR, and Rev. GEO. F. CUSHMAN, of the Clergy; Messrs. CONLEY, S. G. JONES and BELL, of the Laity.

While taking up the ballots, the Treasurer of the Diocese presented his report, which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Committee on the Admission of New Parishes made further report :

The Committee on the Admission of New Parishes beg leave to report, that papers have been laid before them from St. Paul's Church, Mobile county, Calvary Church, Choctaw county, St. James' Church, Claiborne, and St. Matthew's Church, Autaugaville, and that they find them all in due form except that from St. Matthew's Church, Autaugaville. As well as time and opportunity would admit, they have inquired into the respective claims and prospects of these infant Parishes, and have unanimously agreed upon the following resolution :

Resolved, That St. Paul's Church, Mobile county, Calvary Church, Choctaw county, St. James' Church, Claiborne, and St. Matthew's Church, Autaugaville, be admitted into union with the Convention.

R. A. COBBS, Chairman.

On motion, Report and Resolution were adopted.

On motion, *Resolved*, That Messrs. A. G. HENSHAW and J. C. ARTHUR, from St. James' Parish, Claiborne, be invited to seats on the floor of this Convention.

Rev. J. A. SHEPHERD, Rev. A. MANÆOS, Rev. W. M. STEELE, of the Clergy, and Messrs. M. J. CONLEY and JAMES CALDWELL appeared and took their seats in Convention.

On motion, the Convention adjourned until 9 o'clock to-morrow.

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, CAHABA, }
Friday, 9 o'clock A. M. . }

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment. After Prayers by the President, the Roll was called, and the Minutes of yesterday were read, and after some corrections, were approved.

A Certificate of Election was presented from St. James' Church, Eufaula.

The Committee upon Certificates reported it in due form, and the following gentlemen entitled to seats:

St. James' Church, Eufaula.—E. C. Bulloch, James L. Pugh, and John Cochran.

Their names were called but neither answered.

The Report of the Treasurer of the Diocesan Missionary Society was then presented by the Bishop:

REPORT OF TREASURER OF DIOCESAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

THOMAS W. MCCOY, *Treasurer,*

In account with Diocesan Missionary Society of Alabama

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| 1857. | DR. | |
| May 4—To balance, per report to Bishop Cobbs,..... | \$290 71 | |
| May 21—To Cash of Rev. J. M. Mitchell, viz: | | |
| Collection St. John's, Montgomery,.. | \$50 00 | } |
| Collection St. Paul's, Greensboro',... | 25 00 | |
| Collection St. Michael's, Marengo,... | 6 10 | |
| July 7—Cash of Rev. R. D. Nevius, Collection Christ Church, Tuskaloosa, | 15 00 | |
| Aug. 8—Cash of Rev. J. M. Banister, Greensboro, from "a communicant of his Parish," | 5 00 | |
| Dec. 8—Cash of Rev. B. B. Leacock, Coll. Christ Ch., Mobile,.. | 76 00 | |
| 1858. | | |
| Jan. 11—Cash of Rev. B. B. Leacock, Mobile, additional,..... | 5 00 | |
| Mar. 16—Cash of Rt. Rev. N. H. Cobbs, D. D., "a token from four young Ladies of Dallas county," | 25 00 | |
| Mar. 22—Cash of Rev. G. F. Cushman, St. Luke's, Cahaba,..... | 15 00 | |
| Mar. 26—Cash of Rev. J. A. Massey, Trinity Church, Mobile,... | 48 10 | |
| April 12—Cash of Rev. J. M. Mitchell, St. John's, Montgomery,. | 180 00 | |
| April 12—Cash of Rev. R. A. Cobbs, Ch. Holy Cross, Uniontown,. | 15 00 | |
| April 28—Cash of Rev. Mr. Hanson, St. Andrew's, Macon,..... | 21 00 | |
| 1857. | CR. | |
| June 22—Paid Bp. Cobbs order, favor Rev. J. B. Ramsdell,..... | \$ 25 00 | |
| June 23—Paid Bp. Cobbs order, favor Rev. E. Denniston,..... | 25 00 | |
| July 16—Paid Bp. Cobbs order, favor Rev. E. Denniston,..... | 25 00 | |
| Amount carried forward,..... | \$721 91 | \$75 00 |

| | DR. | CR. |
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| 1857—Amount brought forward,..... | \$721 91 | \$ 75 00 |
| Oct. 20—Paid Bp. Cobbs order, favor Rev. J. B. Ramsdell,..... | | 20 00 |
| Oct. 20—Paid Bp. Cobbs order, favor Rev. E. Denniston,..... | | 25 00 |
| 1858. | | |
| Jan. 23—Paid Bp. Cobbs order, favor Rev. J. J. Nicholson,..... | | 50 00 |
| April 26—Paid Bp. Cobbs order, favor Rev. W. J. Perdue,..... | | 50 00 |
| May 1—Paid Bp. Cobbs order, favor Rev. R. H. Cobbs,..... | | 50 00 |
| May 1—By balance carried down..... | | 451 91 |
| | <u>\$721 91</u> | <u>\$721 91</u> |
| 1858. | | |
| May 1—To balance on hand, brought down..... | | \$451 91 |

THOMAS W. McCOY, Treasurer.

E. E.—Mobile, May 6th, 1858.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF DIOCESAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

THOMAS W. McCoy, *Treasurer,*

In account with Diocesan Missionary Society of Alabama.

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| 1858. | | |
| May 6—To balance, per last report,..... | \$451 91 | |
| May 7—Cash of Rev. H. N. Pierce, St. John's Mobile,..... | 28 00 | |
| Aug. —Cash of Bp. Cobbs, Coll. Ch. Nativity, Huntsville,.... | 80 55 | |
| Nov. 16—Cash of Rev. J. M. Mitchell, St. John's, Montgomery,... | 70 00 | |
| Dec. 10—Cash of Bishop Cobbs, Coll. St. James', Living- | | |
| ton,..... | \$18 55 | |
| Coll. St. Mark's, Fork of Greene,..... | 5 00 | |
| Coll. St. Stephen's Eutaw,..... | 20 45 | 44 00 |
| 1859. | | |
| Jan. 3—Cash of Mrs. Hugh Monroe, Mobile, "sales of her Pet | | |
| Japonicas," | 20 00 | |
| Jan. 3—Cash of Rev. B. B. Leacock, Christmas Collection of | | |
| Christ Church, Mobile,..... | 70 00 | |
| Jan. 3—Cash of Rev. J. M. Mitchell, viz: | | |
| Coll. St. John's Church, Montgomery,... | \$71 25 | |
| Coll. St. Peter's, Lowndes county,..... | 8 75 | 80 00 |
| March—Cash of Rev. G. F. Cushman, St. Luke's, Cahaba,..... | 10 00 | |
| April —Cash of Rev. R. A. Cobbs, St. Michael's Marengo,..... | 10 20 | |
| April —Cash of Rev. W. J. Perdue, St. Paul's, Lowndesboro',.. | 10 00 | |
| April —Cash of Rev. R. A. Cobbs, Ch. Holy Cross, Uniontown,... | 18 00 | |
| May 2—Cash of Rev. Jas. Mulchahey, Christ Church, Mobile,... | 100 00 | |
| 1858. | CR. | |
| July 19—Paid Bp. Cobbs order, favor Rev. E. Denniston,..... | | \$ 10 00 |
| Nov. —Paid Bp. Cobbs order, favor Rev. R. A. Cobbs,..... | | 50 00 |
| Dec. 1—Paid Bp. Cobbs order, favor Rev. W. D. Christian,... | | 50 00 |
| 1859. | | |
| Feb. 17—Paid Bp. Cobbs order, favor Rev. E. Denniston,..... | | 25 00 |
| Mar. 12—Paid Bp. Cobbs order, favor Rev. J. J. Nicholson,.... | | 75 00 |
| April 11—Paid Bp. Cobbs order, favor Rev. R. A. Cobbs,..... | | 50 00 |
| April 21—Paid Bp. Cobbs order, favor Rev. W. J. Perdue,..... | | 50 00 |
| May 3—By balance,..... | | 627 66 |
| | <u>\$937 66</u> | <u>\$937 66</u> |
| 1859. | | |
| May 3—To balance on hand, brought down,..... | | \$627 66 |

THOMAS W. McCOY, Treasurer.

E. E.—Mobile, May 8d, 1859.

A motion was made to amend the Rules of Order by striking out the 8th Section of the 3d Rule.

A motion was made to lay the resolution upon the table. Lost.

The vote was taken upon the previous motion and lost by the casting vote of the President.

The Convention then proceeded to the election of Delegates to the General Convention.

Rev. Messrs. WADDILL and JARRATT were appointed Tellers.

H. E. CURTIS, of St. Mary's Church, Camden; A. W. SPAIGHT, of St. Paul's Church, Selma; R. T. JONES, of St. Wilfrid's Church, Marion; and A. J. NICHOLSON, of Christ Church, Tuscaloosa, appeared and took their seats in Convention.

The Tellers reported, and the President announced the following gentlemen elected Delegates to the next General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States of America :

Rev. Messrs. H. C. LAY, D. D., J. M. BANISTER, F. R. HANSON and J. A. MASSEY, of the Clergy, and Messrs. H. A. TAYLOR, A. W. ELLERBE, ROB'T S. BUNKER and C. T. POLLARD, of the Laity.

On motion, the Convention took a recess for Divine Service.

After Divine Service, the Convention resumed its session, and the Bishop read his Annual Address.

BISHOP'S ADDRESS.

In compliance with the requirements of the Canon, I proceed to lay before the Convention an account of my official acts during the past year.

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A motion was made to lay the resolution upon the table. Lost.

The vote was taken upon the previous motion and lost by the casting vote of the President.

The Convention then proceeded to the election of Delegates to the General Convention.

Rev. Messrs. WADDILL and JARRATT were appointed Tellers.

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After Divine Service, the Convention resumed its session, and the Bishop read his Annual Address.

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Christmas Day and Sunday after.—Visited Greensboro', preached a number of times and confirmed two persons. The large and influential and growing Congregation in this Parish greatly need a new house of worship, and it is to be hoped that ere long there will be erected a new house, worthy of the Minister, worthy of the Congregation, and worthy of Greensboro'.

2d Sunday after Christmas.—Visited Marion, preached once to the white, and once to the colored people, and confirmed seven persons.

22d and 23d January, 1859.—Visited Selma, preached a number of times and confirmed four persons.

25th and 26th January.—Went to Cahaba, preached several times and confirmed five persons.

29th January.—Had an appointment at a place called County Line, in Dallas County, but was unable to reach it on account of the rain and the state of the roads.

4th Sunday after Epiphany.—Went to Carlisle, preached and confirmed four persons.

5th Sunday after Epiphany.—Visited Auburn, preached twice and confirmed two persons.

7th February.—Preached at Youge's Depot. Here some steps have been taken towards the erection of a Church.

8th February.—Preached to a colored Congregation in a Chapel erected for their use on the plantation of Col. TURNER, in Russell County.

9th February.—Went to St. John's, in the Wilderness, but had no Congregation in consequence of the inclemency of the weather.

10th February.—Had an appointment at La Fayette, Chambers County, but could not meet it because of indisposition.

12th February.—Went to Tuskegee and preached to a small Congregation. Tuskegee is a growing place, and it is most desirable that we should have the Church permanently established here. There are but few places in the Diocese that have stronger claims on the attention of the Church.

18th February.—Went to Tallassee, a manufacturing village on the Tallapoosa River, and preached twice to a small Congregation.

16th February.—Confirmed a sick person in private in Montgomery.

19th and 20th February.—Visited Claiborne, Monroe County, preached twice and baptised an infant. This was my first visit to this place, and I was gratified to find an excellent opening for the Church.

24th February.—Arrived in Mobile, where I tarried a number of days. Attended Prayers in St. John's Church, and confirmed one person.

Sexagesima Sunday.—In the morning, preached in Christ Church, Mobile, and confirmed four persons. In the afternoon, preached in St. John's Church, and confirmed eight persons. And at night, in Trinity Church, and confirmed seven persons.

Quinquagesima Sunday.—Preached at St. Mary's, Summerville, in the suburbs of

Mobile, and confirmed four persons. In the afternoon, went to Spring Hill, but did not preach on account of the rain. At night, preached to the colored Congregation of the Church of the Good Shepherd, and confirmed two persons.

12th March.—Visited Butler, the County town of Choctaw, preached, and baptised an infant.

1st Sunday in Lent.—Preached at Pushmataha, administered the Communion, and baptised thirteen colored children. Here arrangements are being made for the erection of a house of worship.

3d Sunday in Lent.—Preached in St. John's Church, Montgomery, and confirmed six persons. In the afternoon, preached to the colored Congregation, and confirmed two persons.

4th Sunday in Lent.—It was my purpose to have spent this and the following Sunday in the Counties of Marengo and Perry; but in consequence of the state of the roads, I was advised by the Brethren to postpone my appointments until after Convention, to which advice, I reluctantly yielded.

8th April.—Again visited Mobile, preached at night in the Church of the Good Shepherd, and confirmed three colored persons.

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5th Sunday in Lent.—Preached in St. John's Church, Mobile, instituted the Rev. Mr. PIERCE, and confirmed five persons. In the afternoon, preached in Trinity Church, and confirmed one person. And at night, preached in Christ Church, and confirmed eight persons.

15th April.—Started on my visitation to the northern part of the Diocese with the expectation of being in Tuscumbia and Florence on the Sunday before Easter, but from indisposition was compelled to stop in Huntsville.

18th April.—Had an appointment in Athens, Limestone County, but from indisposition was unable to meet it.

20th April.—Preached in St. John's Chapel, Madison County.

Good Friday.—Preached in the morning in Florence, and confirmed one person, and at night preached in Tuscumbia, and confirmed two persons.

Easter Eve.—Preached in Huntsville and confirmed two persons, and subsequently confirmed three others.

Easter Day.—Preached in the new Church of the Nativity twice, and administered the Holy Communion. This new Church is a most beautiful building, and reflects great credit on the zeal, the energy and the liberality of the Congregation, and may well be regarded as the ornament of the town of Huntsville.

On Easter Monday, I was gratified to find that the pews were rented with great readiness, and that there would be a large accession to the Congregation.

Easter Tuesday.—At night attended the children's Easter Festival, on which occasion the children of the Sunday School presented their Lenten Offerings to the Rector, to be placed on the Altar of the Lord. The sum thus presented was \$244, a liberal offering and one that might well provoke older persons to kind and generous deeds. This children's Festival was most truly an interesting occasion, and was witnessed by a large, attentive and excited Congregation. It is but seldom that my own feelings have been so moved and stirred, as when group after group, presented their offerings, and when the united voices of the children were heard sweetly singing the jubilant songs of the Church.

First Sunday after Easter.—Spent this day in Montgomery, and expected to hold a confirmation, but, at the suggestion of the Rector, postponed that service till a later period.

I have thus been enabled, by the good Providence of God, to visit almost every Congregation in the Diocese:—I have preached many sermons; I have delivered numerous addresses; I have done a large amount of visiting, and I trust that in some feeble measure, I may have done some good:—but yet, whilst there are some signs of encouragement, the spiritual prospects of the Diocese are not flattering:—there is much coldness; there is much worldliness; there is a great deal of worldly conformity. The contributions to charitable objects have fallen very far below the standard of the Gospel; there has been placed upon the Altar of Fashion a great deal that should have been appropriated to the service of the Lord. As a consequence, the blessing of the Lord has not descended upon our Congregations; Confirmations have been few; the additions to the Communion have been few, and we are in great danger of falling into the state of the Laodiceans so fearfully described by St. John. “May the Lord in His love mercifully rebuke and chasten us:—and make us zealous, and repent.”

The changes that have taken place among the Clergy of the Diocese, are as follows:—Rev. GEO. W. STICKNEY has been transferred to the Diocese of Louisiana. The Rev. THOS. A. MORRIS and Rev. T. B. T. SMITH have been transferred to the Diocese of Tennessee. Rev. B. B. LACOCK has resigned the charge of Christ Church, Mobile, on account of feeble health, and is now travelling in Europe. I earnestly pray that one so well qualified to be useful may be restored to us with renewed strength and vigor. The Rev. J. M. MITCHELL is now Rector of St. John's Church, Montgomery, the charge of which was resigned by myself last winter. The Rev. W. M. STICKLE has been received from the Diocese of Virginia, and is officiating acceptably in Eufaula. The Rev. W. D. CHRISTIAN has been received from Wisconsin, and is acting as Missionary at Jacksonville and Talladega. The Rev. J. AVNEY SHEPHERD has been transferred from Maryland, and has charge of a large and flourishing school in Montgomery. He was induced by me to open a school in Montgomery, as a preparatory step to his taking charge of the Diocesan Female Seminary, for the supervision of which he is eminently qualified.

The number of Candidates for Holy Orders in the Diocese, is six. A small number in view of the great and increasing demand for Clergymen.

In regard to the Episcopal Female Seminary, I would remark that, although the funds necessary for the erection of the buildings have not yet been obtained, I still hope that this important measure will ultimately be carried out. To see a Female Seminary of a high character permanently established in the Diocese under the auspices of the Church, has been the great desire of my Episcopate—being well convinced that such an Institution would, more than any human instrumentality, contribute to the establishment and prosperity of the Church. Whilst the other Denominations around us are contributing with generous zeal hundreds of thousands for the erection of houses of learning, it would be a humiliating reflection if the members of the Church in this Diocese cannot raise forty thousand dollars for the purpose of educating our daughters within our own borders.

It is my painful duty to announce to the Convention the death of my Rt. Rev. Brother, GEO. W. DOANE, D. D., L. L. D., late Bishop of New Jersey. A great and a noble man has fallen:—one who loved the Church with the devotion of enthu-

alism, and who gave his whole heart and soul, and time and talents to the cause of Christ and His kingdom. He was eminently a gifted man:—full of high and generous impulses:—there was a charm—a fascination—in every thing that he said or wrote. His large, rich and buoyant thoughts were poured forth in all the force and majesty of Philosophy, and clothed in all the beauty and loveliness of Poetry. He might well be called the Jeremy Taylor of the American Church.

In conclusion, I would remark that I trust the solemn words which we yesterday heard in the opening Sermon of the Convention, on the subject of *self-denial*, may be duly pondered and practically observed. There is great and urgent need of self-denial,—for the great evil of the day is worldliness:—is worldly conformity. Here, in worldly conformity, is the great hindrance—the great barrier—to the growth of the Church. Here is the great reproach to the Church;—it is this that weakens the influence and cripples the energies of the Church. This is the heavy weight that presses down and crushes out the heart and life of the Church:—it is this that drags down the Church from her high position and, in public estimation, places her side by side with a corrupt and depraved world. Against the great besetting sin of worldly conformity, it was my purpose on this occasion to bear my distinct, solemn, formal and official testimony; but I forbear. When a whole country is submerged by a wide wasting inundation, it is too late to talk of dykes and levees: and all that a prudent man can then do is to flee to some eminence and, if possible, to save his own life. I will only say that when on all sides I find an eager and ravenous appetite for light, gay, and worldly amusements:—and when I perceive this appetite to be fed and pampered by so many who call themselves Christians, and who perchance pride themselves upon being zealous Churchmen:—I must be blind indeed, if I can see no danger;—and I must have a hard heart not to be sad and cast down when I remember how many parents are thus treasuring up for themselves and for their children, sorrow against the day of sorrow, and “revelation of the righteous judgment of God.”

N. H. COBBS.

On motion, the Bishop's Address and the Parochial Reports were referred to the Committee on the state of the Church.

A Certificate of Election from St. Stephen's Church, Eutaw, was then presented.

The Committee upon Certificates of Election, reported it to be in due form, and the following gentlemen entitled to seats in the Convention:

St. Stephen's Church, Eutaw.—WILLIAM F. PIERCE, A. R. JONES and E. A. CAMPBELL.

Their names were called, but neither of them answered.

On motion, the Convention adjourned until 8 o'clock, P. M.

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, CAHABA, }
Friday, 8 o'clock P. M. }

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment. The special order of the evening was taken up, and the following proposed Resolutions were presented and discussed:

WHEREAS, By his baptism, every Christian is a missionary, and as such, is a debtor to extend the blessings of the Gospel to the destitute, either in person, or so far as his means will allow, by his representative; and, whereas, although the field is the world, our first and chief missionary obligation is to our own Diocese: therefore, be it

Resolved 1st, As the sense of this Convention, that the Church in this Diocese is, by its Constitution, a Missionary Society, whose proper organ of action is the Bishop—that with him should rest the selection of stations, the appointment of missionaries, and the appropriation of missionary funds—and that the Standing Committee are the canonical council to give him such advice as he, from time to time, may seek.

Resolved 2d, That the Clergy should preach at least an annual sermon upon Diocesan missions to every congregation under their charge.

Resolved 3d, That, at each Annual Convention, there shall be a Missionary meeting, at which appropriate addresses or a sermon (the preacher to be appointed by the Bishop) shall be delivered, and such information given of the missions within the Diocese as shall tend to re-awaken the missionary zeal of the Church.

Resolved 4th, That a Treasurer of Diocesan Missions shall be elected annually, who shall take charge of the missionary fund of the Diocese, disburse the same upon the order of the Bishop, and report annually to the Convention.

Resolved 5th, That the contributions for Diocesan Missions in the several parishes and congregations, however raised, ought not to amount to a less sum than would be produced if each communicant contributed _____ to this object, and that it is the duty of each Clergyman to report to the Bishop and Convention the amount contributed by his parish or charge.

Resolved 6th, That every parish should recognize the duty of its Clergyman to give some portion of his time and labor to adjacent missionary fields, and should extend him facilities to do so.

On motion, the Preamble to these Resolutions was adopted; the 1st Resolution was adopted; the 2d adopted; the 3d adopted, with the substitution of the words "promote" in the place of "re-awaken"; the 4th was also adopted; the following substitute for 5th Resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That in the present, the Diocese ought to raise \$5,000 per annum for this object.

On motion, the 6th Resolution was stricken out.

The whole of the Resolutions were then adopted.

On motion, THOMAS W. MCCOY was nominated and elected Treasurer of the Diocesan Missionary Society.

On motion, the Convention adjourned till 9 o'clock, A. M., to-morrow.

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, CAHABA, }
Saturday, May 7th, 9 A. M. }

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

After Prayers by the President, the Roll was called, and the Minutes of yesterday were read, and after some corrections, were adopted.

Rev. Messrs. DENNISTON and CHRISTIAN, of the Clergy, and JOHN D. PHELAN, of St. John's Church, Montgomery, and Dr. DORTCH, of St. Mary's Church, Camden, appeared and took their seats in Convention.

The Committee on the Diocesan Female Seminary made the following report :

The Committee appointed to make preliminary arrangements to establish a Diocesan Female Seminary, reported to the last Convention that they had purchased just beyond the corporate limits of Montgomery, in a neighborhood long noted for its healthfulness, a beautiful grove of nearly ten acres in extent, and exceedingly well suited to the purposes contemplated, at a cost of Six Thousand Dollars; that they proposed to pay for this by subscriptions from citizens of Montgomery; that they hoped to obtain in Montgomery the additional sum of \$4000, making in all \$10,000; and that they hoped the Diocese at large could be induced to subscribe the further sum of \$20,000.

The Committee now beg leave to report that they have received in Montgomery, by subscriptions and otherwise, available resources to the amount of \$15,000, which sum they do not hesitate to pledge themselves to increase to \$20,000, if an equal amount can be raised in the balance of the Diocese.

Your Committee, therefore, deeply impressed with the importance of this movement, and recognizing what has been done by the citizens of Montgomery as deserving a hearty and generous response from the Diocese at large, would respectfully urge the Convention to take prompt and energetic measures to ascertain what amount can be obtained for this purpose outside of Montgomery, so that the Committee, or the Board of Trustees, as the case may be, may contract as soon as possible for the erection of buildings.

In the circumstance, that since the last Convention, the Rev. J. A. SHEPHERD—a man, in their opinion, eminently qualified, and in every respect peculiarly fitted to be the Principal of such a Seminary as you propose to establish—has opened a School in Montgomery with most encouraging prospects, and will hold himself in readiness to be elected to the Rectorship of your Seminary as soon as ready to be put into operation; your Committee feel that you have been, providentially, very largely aided in your endeavors to establish a Seminary every way worthy of your enthusiastic support.

In conclusion, the Committee would respectfully submit the following resolutions :

Resolved 1st, That the articles of subscription, as adopted and used by your Committee in obtaining funds in Montgomery, be printed in the Journal of this Convention.

Resolved 2d, That this Convention elect a Board of Trustees for the proposed Seminary, in accordance with the aforesaid articles of subscription; and that the election of this Board shall be deemed the discharge of your Committee.

N. H. COBBS, Chairman.

The Report and accompanying Resolutions were adopted.

The following gentlemen were nominated and elected Trustees of the Diocesan Female Seminary :

No. 1.—Dr. T. B. TAYLOR,

No. 2.—C. T. POLLARD,

No. 3.—SAMUEL G. JONES,

No. 4.—Rev. J. M. MITCHELL.

On motion, the Rules of Order were suspended, requiring the election by ballot of the Alternates to the General Convention.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Alternates be elected *viva voce*.

The Rev. Messrs. MITCHELL, CUSHMAN, R. A. COBBS, and LEE, of the Clergy, and Messrs. DAWSON, CONLEY, ANDERSON and MINER, of the Laity, were elected Alternate Delegates to the General Convention.

The Bishop then retired and called Rev. F. B. LEE to the Chair, and the Treasurer of the Bishop's Fund made his Report.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE BISHOP'S FUND.

On account of the failure of several Parishes to pay their assessments at the last Convention, the surplus, after paying the Bishop's salary, to be transferred to the Permanent Fund, was less than usual.

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| Permanent Fund, last reported..... | \$3,233 55 |
| Surplus last Convention..... | 66 70 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$3,300 25 |
| Twelve months interest,..... | 264 00 |
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| | \$3,564 25 |
| Deduct, paid to Tuscaloosa Parish,..... | 40 00 |
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| | \$3,524 25 |
| Contribution, County Line,..... | 10 00 |
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| | \$3,534 25 |

The Special Fund since the last report, has been increased by a contribution of \$100 00, and amounts at this time, to \$23,061 80, the interest of which is appropriated, as formerly, to the payment of the Bishop's salary. These funds consist of \$3,296 48 invested in Bonds of the Mobile and Ohio Railroad, \$2,650 00 in Bonds of the Alabama and Mississippi Rivers Railroad, the notes of original contributors, and the notes of parties to whom money has been loaned.

From present indications, there is a greater probability of making considerable collections of money subscribed than there has been heretofore. As the Treasurer expects to receive, during the Convention, a larger amount of cash than has yet been paid in, he deems any statement of cash on hand unnecessary at present.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. W. ELLERBE, Treasurer.

The Chairman of the Finance Committee then made his Report.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

To provide for the Bishop's salary, the following assessments on the Parishes are made, and 8 per cent. upon the assessments for the Contingent Fund:

| | Bishop's Salary. | Contingent Fund. |
|-------------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Christ Church, Mobile,..... | \$500 00 | \$40 00 |
| Christ Church, Tuscaloosa,..... | 200 00 | 16 00 |
| St. John's Church, Montgomery,..... | 300 00 | 24 00 |
| St. Paul's Church, Greensboro',..... | 175 00 | 14 00 |
| Church of the Holy Cross, Uniontown,..... | 80 00 | 6 40 |
| St. Andrew's Church, Macon,..... | 68 00 | 5 44 |
| St. Paul's Church, Selma,..... | 100 00 | 8 00 |
| St. James' Church, Livingston,..... | 40 00 | 3 20 |
| Church of the Nativity, Huntsville,..... | 210 00 | 16 80 |
| St. Paul's Church, Carlowville,..... | 50 00 | 4 00 |
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| Amount carried forward,..... | \$1723 00 | \$137 84 |

| | Bishop's Salary. | Contingent Fund. |
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| Amount brought forward,..... | \$1723 00 | \$137 84 |
| St. Peter's Church, Lowndes County,..... | 40 00 | 3 20 |
| St. John's Church, Tuscumbia,..... | 25 00 | 2 00 |
| St. Luke's Church, Cahaba,..... | 75 00 | 6 00 |
| St. David's Church, Dallas County,..... | 78 00 | 6 25 |
| Trinity Church, Demopolis,..... | 50 00 | 4 00 |
| St. John's Church, in the Wilderness,..... | 24 00 | 1 92 |
| St. James' Church, Eufaula,..... | 35 00 | 2 80 |
| St. Stephen's Church, Eutaw,..... | 50 00 | 4 00 |
| Trinity Church, Mobile,..... | 175 00 | 14 00 |
| St. Mark's Church, Greene County,..... | 40 00 | 3 20 |
| St. Wilfred's Church, Marion,..... | 45 00 | 3 60 |
| St. Luke's Church, Jacksonville,..... | 25 00 | 2 00 |
| St. John's Church, Elyton,..... | 10 00 | 80 |
| St. Michael's Church, Marengo County,..... | 45 00 | 8 60 |
| Trinity Church, Florence,..... | 50 00 | 4 00 |
| St. John's Church, Mobile,..... | 75 00 | 6 00 |
| St. Mary's Church, Camden,..... | 40 00 | 3 20 |
| Grace Church, St. Stephen's,..... | 15 00 | 1 20 |
| St. Paul's Church, Lowndesboro',..... | 20 00 | 1 60 |
| St. Mary's Church, Mobile,..... | 10 00 | 80 |
| St. Alban's Church, Gainesville,..... | 30 00 | 2 40 |
| St. John's Church, Madison County,..... | 20 00 | 1 60 |
| Calvary Church, Choctaw County,..... | 10 00 | 80 |
| St. James' Church, Claiborne,..... | 10 00 | 80 |
| St. Paul's Church, Mobile County,..... | 10 00 | 80 |
| St. Matthew's Church, Autaugaville,..... | 10 00 | 80 |
| | <hr/> \$2,740 00 | <hr/> \$219 20 |

Resolved, That the delegates be requested to pay over immediately to the Secretary of the Convention, the assessments for Contingent Fund in their respective Parishes.

Resolved, Inasmuch as there has been an abatement made upon the assessments of several of the Parishes, who have requested the same to be made, upon the plea of their inability to pay the former assessments, that those Parishes be urged hereafter to prompt payment of their assessments.

Resolved, That those Parishes whose subscription to the Bishop's Fund bear no proportion to their assessments, be urged to make an effort to increase their subscription.

The Committee have examined the Treasurer's accounts and find them correct.

Resolved, That the contract made by the Treasurer of the Convention, for the publication of the missing numbers of the Journals of former Conventions, be approved, and that he be authorised to pay for the same out of the Contingent Fund.

A. W. ELLERBE, Chairman.

BISHOP'S FUND *in account with* HENRY A. TAYLOR, *Treasurer.*

| | Dr. | Cr. |
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| 1858.—May 1.—By Balance,..... | | \$ 13 05 |
| “ 20.—By Cash received at Convention, (see Abstract,)..... | | 2318 60 |
| “ 22.—To Cash pd. Rt. Rev. N. H. Cobbs, D. D.,.. | \$2250 00 | |
| “ 22.—To Cash paid A. W. Ellerbe, Treasurer of Bishop's Fund,..... | 35 70 | |
| Amount carried forward,..... | <hr/> \$2,285 70 | <hr/> \$2,881 65 |

| | Dr. | Cr. |
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| 1858.—Amount brought forward, | \$2,285 70 | \$2,331 65 |
| June 1.—By St. Mary's Church, Camden,.... | \$65 00 | |
| " 1.—By St. Mary's Church, Mobile,..... | 10 00 | |
| " 1.—By St. Paul's Church, Carlowville,. | 29 40 | 104 40 |
| Dec. 6.—By St. James' Church, Eufaula,..... | | 25 00 |
| " 6.—To Cash paid Rt. Rev. N. H. Cobbs, D. D. | 25 00 | |
| To Balance,..... | 150 35 | |
| | <u>\$2,461 05</u> | <u>\$2,461 05</u> |
| 1859.—May 1.—By Balance,..... | | \$150 35 |

Rt. Rev. N. H. COBBS, D. D.,

In account with the DIOCESE OF ALABAMA.

| | Dr. | Cr. |
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| 1858.—May 1.—By Salary,..... | | \$2,250 00 |
| " 22.—To Cash,..... | \$2,250 00 | |
| Dec. 6.—To Cash received of St. James' Ch., Eufaula, | 25 00 | |
| By Balance,..... | | 25 00 |
| | <u>\$2,275 00</u> | <u>\$2,275 00</u> |
| 1859.—May 1.—To Balance,..... | \$25 00 | |

CONTINGENT FUND *in account with* HENRY A. TAYLOR, *Treasurer.*

| | Dr. | Cr. |
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| 1858.—May 1.—To Balance,..... | \$ 8 47 | |
| " 23.—By Cash received at Convention, (see Abstract,) | | \$176 24 |
| June 1.—By Christ Church, Tuscaloosa,..... | \$16 00 | |
| " 1.—By St. Mary's, Camden, 1856, 1857, 1858, | 12 00 | |
| " 1.—By St. Mary's Church, Mobile,..... | 80 | |
| " 1.—By St. Stephen's Church, Eutaw,..... | 2 80 | |
| " 1.—By St. Paul's Church, Carlowville,..... | 4 00 | 35 60 |
| " 28.—By Trinity Church, Mobile,..... | | 14 00 |
| " 28.—To Cash paid Messrs. Farrow & Dennett, for printing and distributing journals,.... | 143 25 | |
| To Balance,..... | 74 12 | |
| | <u>\$225 84</u> | <u>\$225 84</u> |
| 1859.—May 1.—By Balance,..... | | \$74 12 |

The Report and accompanying Resolutions were adopted.

On motion, the Convention took a recess until after Divine Service.

The Convention resumed its session after Divine Service.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the next Annual Convention of the Diocese be held in St. Paul's Church, Selma, on the 1st Thursday in May, 1860.

The following Resolution was presented :

Resolved, That the members of the Church, in the Diocese, be requested to send to their respective Ministers such surplus Journals of the

Convention, especially of the earlier years, as they may have in their possession, and that the Clergy report at the next Convention, the numbers, and number of copies of each, thus procured.

The Committee on Unfinished Business presented the following Report :

The Committee on Unfinished Business beg leave to report that they find nothing on the pages of the Journal of the last Convention that requires the action of this Convention.

A. MENÆOS, Chairman.

The Committee on the State of the Church presented the following Report :

The Committee on the STATE OF THE CHURCH beg leave respectfully to report:—

In common with the other members of the Convention, they have listened with much pain to the words, more sorrowful than his wont, which fell from our revered Bishop in his Annual Address. An examination of the Parochial Reports has induced the belief that there is a cause for the lamentation and the warning that have been uttered in our hearing.

The past year has been one of plenty and abundance: it would be difficult to find a more prosperous community than that which is comprised within the bounds of the Church in Alabama.

Now, it is true that, in some instances, we recognise a zealous and charitable spirit. In several respects the Diocese is evidently prospering, and the influence of the Church is decidedly on the increase. But on a general review we find the number of confirmations very small, and the charitable contributions all-but insignificant. What can we say when a whole parish, in a whole year, contributes less towards evangelizing the world, than many a man and many a woman in it would spend carelessly for a trinket?

We sympathize very deeply with our Bishop, in his complaint that the world's flood refuses to be stayed, but ever pours its unholy wave over the sacred precincts of the Church. In many instances the Ball-room and the Theatre, divide with the Church the affections of her children. So vacant are the young people of occupation and of pleasure, that they must beguile their hours with the well known implements of the gamester. We see with sorrow the irreverence, the lightness, the self-indulgence, the profanation of the Lord's day, which prevail around us, and find sometimes apologists among our own people. Against this prevalent laxity of sentiment and practice: a laxity which can end only in divorcing Christian doctrine from Christian morals, our Bishop has again and again entered his solemn and indignant protest. It becomes us all to stand by him manfully. Let the Clergy, while they are urgent in their entreaties and invitations, still ever hold aloft the Cross, and make plain proclamation: whosoever will be the friend of the world, must be the enemy of God. And let our lay-people, the living epistles known and read of all men, beware, lest in countenancing the drinking usages of society, its immodest amusements, its extravagance of apparel, its avaricious greed, its self-indulgent ease, they imperil the cause of Christ, which is so largely entrusted to them. Would God that this Convention may form a new era in our history, and that henceforth SELF-DENIAL may be a recognized essential element of Alabama Churchmanship.

During the last year, the Bishop has exceeded in labor the laborious years that have gone before. And never have his efforts been more acceptable than now. We

anticipate for him many years of increasing usefulness. In this, his hour of depression and foreboding, we are bold to assure him, in the name of his Diocese, of its warmest confidence and attachment: we feel amply warranted in saying for each and every member of this Convention, that we are proud to have for our leader one whose heart we know, and whose sympathy has never failed us. Let him be well assured, that in his battle against the Devil and the World, we will not fail to follow in his charge.

It deserves to be considered that the evils which have been alluded to are by no means submitted to in silence. The sermons and the private conferences of the present Convention give assurance that the watchmen do not slumber, and that faithful warnings fall not to be given. In the present day there are many influences which are not for good; and while we do what we can to resist them, we may well be content to leave all in the hands of Him, who in the days of his flesh watched from afar the ship rocked upon the waves, and came mysteriously to the relief of the rowers, when spent with labor and still far from shore.

We have been gratified to observe that the religious interests of the servants have in many parishes been heeded, and that many masters and mistresses are alive to the responsibilities of their position. The minister can do much, but he may not supplant the master any more than the parent. Surely it is as little as any Christian man can do, to present his young servants at the Font, to see that they be taught the Creed, the Lord's Prayer and the Ten Commandments, and to take care that they be brought to the Bishop to be confirmed by him. There is ever a luxury in doing good: and experience only can reveal the pleasant interruption in the monotony of plantation life, afforded by gathering on each Sunday afternoon, the young negroes to repeat the lessons and sing the chants of the Church.

Upon the subject of the University of the South, we cordially respond to the sentiments of the Bishop, and submit the following Preamble and Resolution:

WHEREAS, at the last meeting of the Board of Trustees of the University of the South, the question of the location of said University was finally decided; and, whereas, it appears that a satisfactory charter has been obtained from the State of Tennessee, and a good beginning has been made in obtaining the necessary funds;

Resolved, That this Convention does hereby give its cordial assent to the acts of the Board of Trustees of the University of the South, at their late session: that the said enterprise is earnestly commended to the sympathy and to the liberality of all persons, as calculated to be of great and lasting benefit to the rising generation: and that the Clergy and Laity of the Church be requested to afford every facility to the Rt. Rev. Commissioners who have undertaken to collect the funds needed to inaugurate the enterprise.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

HENRY C. LAY, Chairman.

The accompanying preamble and resolution were unanimously adopted.

Miscellaneous business being in order, the following gentlemen were elected Trustees of the Bishop's Fund: A. W. ELLERBE, H. L. ALISON, and S. G. JONES.

On motion, *unanimously Resolved*, That the thanks of this Convention be tendered to the citizens of Cahaba for their hospitality.

On motion, *unanimously Resolved*, That the thanks of this Convention be tendered to CHAS. E. HAYNES, Esq., of the Dallas Gazette, for his kind-

ness in reporting the proceedings of the Convention, and for many other acts of courtesy.

On motion, the Convention adjourned till 5 o'clock P. M.

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, CAHABA, }
May 7th, 5 o'clock P. M. }

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

On motion, it was resolved to reconsider the 5th Article of the proposed Resolutions concerning the Diocesan Missionary Society, which reconsideration resulted in the adoption of the original Resolution.

On motion, ordered, that the Secretary have printed 700 copies of the Journal, with the Rules of Order and Articles of Association.

After Prayers and Benediction by the Bishop, the Convention adjourned *sine die*.

N. H. COBBS, President.

HENRY A. TAYLOR, Secretary.

R. H. COBBS, Assistant Secretary.

The following Parishes owe their assessments, and will oblige the Treasurer by an early remittance, as the Diocese cannot meet its dues without punctuality.

| | Bishop's Fund. | Contingent Fund. |
|--------------------------------------------|----------------|------------------|
| St. John's Church, Tuscumbia,..... | \$23 40 | \$ 2 00 |
| Trinity Church, Florence,..... | 8 75 | 4 00 |
| St. John's Church, in the Wilderness,..... | | 6 years.. 11 52 |
| St. Stephen's Church, Eutaw,..... | 47 60 | 4 00 |
| St. John's Church, Elyton,..... | | 5 years.. 4 00 |
| St. Mary's Church, Mobile,..... | 10 00 | 80 |
| St. John's Church, Madison County,..... | 12 00 | 1 60 |
| St. James' Church, Claiborne,..... | | 80 |
| St. Paul's Church, Mobile County,..... | | 80 |
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| | \$101 75 | \$29 52 |

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

CHRIST CHURCH, MOBILE.

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| Baptisms—White, infants, 29; colored, infants, 4,..... | Total, 33 |
| Confirmations—White,..... | 12 |
| Marriages—White,..... | 8 |
| Funerals—White, 22; colored, 1,..... | Total, 23 |
| Communicants—White, at last report, 223; died, 6; removed, 9; present No.... | 224 |
| Sunday School—Teachers, 20; scholars, white, 100; colored, 10,..... | Total, 110 |
| Library Books,..... | 400 |
| Communion Administered,..... | 13 |
| Communion Offerings,..... | \$525 18 |
| Collections—Diocesan Missions,..... | 170 00 |
| Domestic Missions,..... | 192 05 |
| Foreign Missions,..... | 93 35 |

About the middle of February last the Rector, the Rev. B. B. LEACOCK, was, from ill health, obliged to withdraw permanently from this Parish. Since then, the Rev. Mr. MULCHAHEY, of Troy, New-York, has filled the pulpit under a temporary arrangement. The Parish is now vacant.

ROBERT S. BUNKER, Senior Warden.

CHRIST CHURCH, TUSKALOOSA.—Rev. R. D. NEVINS, Rector.

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| Baptisms—White, adults, 2; infants, 20; colored, adults, 2; infants, 9,... | Total, 33 |
| Confirmations—White,..... | 8 |
| Marriages—White, 2; colored, 1,..... | Total, 3 |
| Funerals—White, 5; colored, 1,..... | Total, 6 |
| Communicants—White, at last report, 82; died, 1; removed, 4; present No.... | 99 |
| Colored, at last report, 7; died, 1; present No..... | 6 |
| Sunday School—Teachers, 10; scholars, white,..... | 65 |
| Library Books,..... | 150 |
| Communion Administered,..... | 13 |
| Communion Offerings,..... | \$ 60 00 |
| Collections—Domestic Missions,..... | 65 00 |
| Foreign Missions,..... | 52 50 |
| Church Book Society,..... | 10 00 |
| Church purposes generally,..... | 462 00 |

Of the white infants baptised, reported above, three belong to the Diocese of Western New-York and have no parochial connection. Of the confirmed, four are pupils in Mrs. TUOMEY'S School. And of the communicants, eleven are pupils in the several Schools, and belong to the several Parishes of which their parents are residents.

The Rector takes pleasure in reporting that the daily Morning Service, which has now been kept up for four years, except when intermitted by his absence or sickness, is grown to be a much valued habit in his Parish, and is well attended. Evening Service also has been held during Lent, and if God please, will be continued through the year.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, GREENSBORO'.—Rev. J. M. BANISTER, Rector.

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| Baptisms—White, infants,..... | 5 |
| Confirmations—White,..... | 2 |
| Funerals—White,..... | 2 |

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| Communicants—White, at the last report, 64; died 1; present number,..... | 65 |
| Sunday School—Teachers, 5; scholars, white,..... | 40 |
| Library Books, about..... | 250 |
| Communion Administered,..... | 9 |
| Communion Offerings,..... | \$117 20 |
| Collections—Diocesan Missions,..... | 150 00 |
| Domestic Missions,..... | 89 00 |
| Foreign Missions,..... | 84 00 |

With the consent of the Bishop, and of my Vestry, I was absent from my Parish seven months during the last year. While feeling that this long rest was of great benefit to me in many respects, I must yet confess that these advantages have quite a painful offset in the meagre report which I now offer.

J. M. BANISTER, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Greensboro'.

TRINITY CHURCH, DEMOPOLIS.

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| Baptisms—White, infants, 2; colored, infants, 18,..... | Total, 15 |
| Funerals—White,..... | 2 |
| Communicants—White, at the last report, 12; present number,..... | 17 |
| Sunday School—Teachers, 8; scholars, white,..... | 47 |
| Library Books, from..... | 300 to 400 |
| Communion Administered,..... | 8 |
| Collections—For Church purposes generally, about..... | \$80 |

Since I resigned the charge of this Parish, in 1858, the Vestry have made great exertions to obtain a Minister, but have not yet been able to do so. It is much to be regretted that the Parish has been so long vacant. The Congregation, though not very large, contains some zealous and devoted members, who would be an ornament to the Church in any community. They are united among themselves, and a good spirit prevails among them. The town of Demopolis, in which the Church is situated, is located on the banks of the Warrior River. It contains from one to two thousand inhabitants. The country around it is fertile and healthy, and the society refined and intelligent. There are not many places in Alabama where a Minister of the Church would receive a more cordial welcome or be more usefully employed, or happily situated. By the request of the members of the Church, I have officiated for them in the afternoon on Sundays since last November; and as long as the Parish continues vacant it will give me pleasure to officiate for them as often as I can. But the Church cannot be expected to increase very fast until it can enjoy the undivided care of a Minister. The Congregations are large and reverent; the responses are well made; the music is good, and the Church seems to be growing in the confidence and affections of the community. There is a flourishing Sunday School connected with it, and there are some six or eight candidates for confirmation.

F. R. HANSON, Officiating Minister.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, LIVINGSTON.—Rev. STEPHEN U. SMITH, Rector.

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| Baptisms—White, adults, 5; infants, 5; colored, infant, 1,..... | Total, 11 |
| Confirmations—White,..... | 9 |
| Marriages—White,..... | 2 |
| Funerals—White,..... | 1 |
| Communicants—White, at last report, 26; removed, 3; present number,..... | 32 |
| Sunday School—Teachers, 10; scholars, white, 23; colored, 26,..... | Total, 49 |
| Library Books, about..... | 200 |
| Communion Administered,..... | 11 |
| Communion Offerings,..... | \$ 75 95 |
| Collections—Diocesan Missions,..... | 18 55 |
| Foreign Missions, from Communion Offerings,..... | 7 55 |
| For Church purposes generally,..... | 160 75 |

Time spent in the Parish, in the performance of its regular duties, since last report, twelve months.

Service, 1st and 3d Sundays, morning and night. On the 3d Sundays, in the last part of the year, service for the Negroes in the afternoon.

The Church has been kept open, by the assistance of a Lay Reader, every Sunday since Autumn; every day through the Lenten season, and the week before Easter, Morning and Evening Prayers; also most of the Saint's Days, the past six months.

In addition to my regular Parish duties, I have officiated once in Lauderdale County, Mississippi, visited St. Alban's, Gainesville, preached twice, and administered the Holy Communion.

Owing to the efforts of the Ladies of the Parish, the Church has been beautifully carpeted and otherwise improved.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, MONTGOMERY.—Rev. J. M. MITCHELL, Rector.

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| Baptisms—White, adults, 8; infants, 20; colored, infants, 4,..... | Total, 32 |
| Confirmations—White, 9, colored, 2,..... | Total, 11 |
| Marriages—White, 9; colored, 2,..... | Total, 11 |
| Funerals—White,..... | 14 |
| Communicants—White, at last report, 151; died, 4; removed, 17; present No. 153 | |
| Colored, at the last report, 7; present number,..... | 9 |
| Sunday School—Teachers, 15; scholars, white, 114; colored, 40,..... | Total, 154 |
| Library Books,..... | 400 |
| Communion Administered,..... | 15 |
| Communion Alms,..... | \$438 19 |
| Collections—Diocesan Missions,..... | 141 00 |
| Domestic Missions,..... | 80 00 |
| Nashotah Mission,..... | 15 00 |
| Foreign Missions,..... | 75 00 |
| For Parochial School,..... | 550 00 |
| For Female Orphan Asylum,..... | 443 00 |
| For Church purposes generally,..... | 121 34 |
| For Widows and Orphans Society,..... | 20 00 |

Time spent in the Parish, in the performance of its regular duties, since last report, twelve months.

EPISCOPAL FEMALE SEMINARY, MONTGOMERY.

The undersigned would respectfully report, that in October last, at the request of the Bishop, he came to Montgomery for the purpose of opening a Seminary for young Ladies, preparatory to the Diocesan Female Seminary about to be established. Results of a highly gratifying character have attended his labors, not only in the large number of pupils which compose the present School, but in their improvement already manifest, and in the arrangement of the classes and studies, which will greatly facilitate the perfect organization of the Seminary as soon as buildings are ready.

In addition to his duties as Principal of the School, the undersigned has also frequently assisted the Rector of St. John's in the various services of the Church.

J. AVERY SHEPHERD.

Rt. Rev. N. H. Conng, D. D., Bishop, &c.

ST. WILFRID'S CHURCH, MARION.—Rev. W. A. STICKNEY, Rector.

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| Baptisms—White, infants, 7; colored, infants, 2,..... | Total, 9 |
| Confirmations—White,..... | 7 |
| Marriages—White, 1; colored, 1,..... | Total, 2 |
| Funerals—White,..... | 2 |
| Communicants—White, at last report, 52; died, 2; removed, 9; present No. | 56 |
| Colored, at last report, 4; present number,..... | 4 |
| Communion Administered, (3 times to the sick,)..... | 21 |
| Communion Offerings,..... | \$59 40 |
| Collections—Domestic Missions,..... | 10 15 |

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| Collections—Foreign Missions,..... | 12 05 |
| Christmas Offerings to Episcopal Fund,..... | 5 41 |

Twelve months spent in performance of regular parish duties since last report, with occasional exceptions given to Convocations and other Parishes.

Service and preaching every Sunday morning—afternoon given to the colored people.

Morning prayers on Litany days are omitted during the two summer months of School vacation. The Festival and Fast days occurring the same time are not observed.

As heretofore, morning prayers daily through Lent, and double service in Holy Week. Holy Communion on all the great Festivals and their Octaves, weekly during Lent, and monthly through Trinity tide.

While the services have continued as in past years, there has never been so little pastoral work done in any preceding year. The nominal Rector, under the circumstances, has been entirely in the employ of the Boys' School. The School, in its two departments for larger and smaller Boys, has never been so prosperous. Some seventy pupils have been admitted, under the instruction of three teachers. At the time for its opening, the Female School was disappointed in its teacher, and not continued the present year. A fund, towards the permanent establishment of this School, has been increased the past year, \$1,000, by bequest of one of our young female communicants, who has gone to reap her reward.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, LOWNDES COUNTY.—Rev. W. J. PERDUE, Rector.

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| Baptisms—White, infants, 6; colored, adults, 5,..... | Total, 11 |
| Confirmations—White, 6; colored, 8,..... | Total, 14 |
| Marriages—White, | 1 |
| Funerals—White, | 1 |
| Communicants—White, at the last report, 16; removed, 12; present number,... | 11 |
| Colored, at the last report, 4; removed, 3; present number,.... | 9 |
| Communion Administered,..... | 6 |
| Communion Offerings,..... | \$15 00 |
| Collections—Diocesan Missions,..... | 8 75 |

Time spent in the Parish, in the performance of its regular duties, since last report, twelve months.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, SELMA.—Rev. J. H. TICKNOR, Rector.

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| Baptisms—White, adults, 5; infants, 15; colored, infants, 1,..... | Total, 21 |
| Confirmations—White, | 4 |
| Marriages—White, | 2 |
| Funerals—White, | 11 |
| Communicants—White, at the last report, 47; died, 1; removed, 5; present No. 47 | |
| Sunday School—Teachers, 6; scholars, white,..... | 30 |
| Library Books,..... | 150 |
| Communion Administered,..... | 14 |
| Communion Offerings,..... | \$108 75 |
| Collections—Diocesan Missions,..... | 8 00 |
| Domestic Missions,..... | 25 00 |
| For Church purposes generally, about..... | 525 00 |

Time spent in the Parish, in the performance of its regular duties, since last report, twelve months.

Five of the infant baptisms, reported above, were in Prattville, before the formation of a Parish in that place.

Of the collections for "Church purposes generally," the greater part was for painting and repairing the Church, and lighting it with Gas; to which should be added a donation from one lady, of Window Blinds for the Rectory, and from the ladies generally, of a new Communion Service.

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, CAHABA.—Rev. GEO. F. CUSHMAN, Rector.

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| Baptisms—White, adults, 1; infants, 4; colored infants, 6..... | Total, 11 |
| Confirmations—White,..... | 5 |
| Communicants—White, at the last report, 36; died, 1; removed, 2; present No. 37 | |
| Sunday School—Teachers, 6; scholars, white,..... | 23 |
| Library Books, | 243 |
| Communion Administered,..... | 12 |
| Communion Offerings, | \$ 47 85 |
| Collections—Diocesan Missions,..... | 10 00 |
| Domestic Missions, | 11 00 |
| Foreign Missions, | 9 15 |
| Church purposes generally,..... | 1150 00 |

Time spent in the Parish, in the performance of its regular duties, since last report, ten months.

The Rector desires to record, in connection with the large sum raised for "General Purposes," that St. Luke's henceforward takes rank among the self-supporting Parishes of the Diocese.

For the first time since the consecration of its Church, the Parish is entirely free from debt, and has adopted for its future guidance the Apostolic rule to "owe no man any thing" but love and good will.

At COUNTY LINE, the Rector of St. Luke's officiated once a month until the 1st of January, 1859, and then, that the people might have more frequent services, he resigned the charge cheerfully, but with deep regret.

Baptisms—Colored, infants,.....13

Collections—Bishop's Fund,.....\$10

At CLAIBORNE, where only the right man is needed to establish a flourishing Parish, the Rector of St. Luke's reports;

Baptisms—White, adults, 2; children, 2,.....Total, 4

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, CARLOWVILLE, AND COUNTY LINE STATION.

Rev. F. B. LEE, Rector.

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| Baptisms—White, infants, 5; colored, adults, 5; infants, 3,..... | Total, 13 |
| Confirmed—Colored,..... | 7 |
| Funerals, | 3 |
| Communicants—White, present number,..... | 43 |
| Colored, present number,..... | 19 |
| Communion Administered,..... | 21 |
| Communion Offerings,..... | \$24 00 |
| Collections—Domestic Missions,..... | 66 24 |
| For Church purposes generally,..... | 7 00 |

The Missionary collections are entirely from my home Parish, and the offerings almost entirely so.

My Parochial services embrace those rendered in Camden, Wilcox County, from last May to the close of that year, and others from the beginning of the present year to this time at County Line Station.

My services to the colored people have been continued with very encouraging results. These, however, would have been expedited and enhanced in worth, if masters and mistresses had recognized their responsibility toward their servants. In this respect there is, in general, a lamentable deficiency. We have reason to believe, however, that there is a growing sense of obligation entertained and cherished by the members of the Church with reference to their duty in this particular, and the effect will be manifest in future.

It may not be amiss to mention, (as an example to others,) that my Church has been indebted to a few Ladies, of a Society in the Parish, for the gift of an Organ. Though not altogether the product of their industry, it was mainly so, and what was lacking from their industry was supplied by their enterprise.

The Rector would also acknowledge his individual obligations to Ladies of that Society, for some kindly offerings to himself on the Festival of Easter Day,

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, TUSCUMBIA.—Rev. H. F. M. WINTERSIDES, Rector.

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| Baptisms—White, infants, | 2 |
| Confirmations—White, | 2 |
| Marriages—White, | 1 |
| Funerals—White, | 1 |
| Communicants—White, at the last report, 15; removed, 3; present number, | 14 |
| Communion Administered, | 12 |
| Collections—Domestic Missions, | \$5 00 |

Time spent in the Parish, in the performance of its regular duties, since last report, eleven months.

In connection with this Parish, I have officiated once a month at Leighton, Lawrence County.

TRINITY CHURCH, FLORENCE. — Rev. W. D. HARLOW, Rector.

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| Baptisms—White, adults, 1; infants, 2, | Total, 3 |
| Confirmations—White, | 1 |
| Funerals—White, | 1 |
| Communicants—White, at the last report, 19; removed, 1; present number, | 20 |
| Colored, at the last report, 1; died, 1; present number, | 1 |
| Sunday School—Teachers, 5; scholars, white, | 30 |
| Library Books, | 300 |
| Communion Administered, | 12 |
| Communion Offerings, | \$31 88 |
| Collections—Domestic Missions, | 15 00 |
| Foreign Missions, | 5 00 |
| Nashotah School, | 5 00 |
| For Church purposes generally, | 28 00 |

Time spent in the Parish, in the performance of its regular duties, since last report, twelve months.

CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY, HUNTSVILLE.—Rev. HENRY C. LAY, Rector.

Rev. R. H. COBBS, Assistant Minister.

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| Baptisms—White, adults, 2; infants, 10; colored, infants, 2, | Total, 14 |
| Confirmations—White, 12; colored, 1, | Total, 13 |
| Marriages—White, | 2 |
| Funerals—White, 9; colored, 3, | Total, 12 |
| Communicants—White, at last report, 72; died, 2; removed, 5; present No. | 91 |
| Colored, at last report, 3; present number, | 4 |
| Sunday School—Teachers, 8; scholars, white, | 50 |
| Communion Administered, (15 in public and 5 times to the sick,) | 20 |
| Communion Offerings, | \$159 15 |
| Collections—Domestic Missions, | 70 00 |
| Foreign Missions, | 70 00 |
| Children's Lenten Offerings, | 244 50 |

Time spent in the Parish, in the performance of its regular duties, since last report, twelve months.

The energies of the Congregation have been chiefly directed to the building of a new Church, at a cost of \$30,000. This building was occupied for the first time at Easter. This event constitutes a new era in the history of the Parish. The Church accomodation is increased nearly fourfold, and three-fourths of the pews are already taken. The prospects of the Parish are every way encouraging.

ST. DAVID'S CHURCH, DALLAS COUNTY.—Rev. R. A. COBBS, Rector.

Rev. J. C. WADDILL, Assistant Minister.

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| Baptisms—White, infant, | 1 |
| Marriages—White, | 2 |

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| Communicants—White, at last report 9; removed, 2; present number,..... | 7 |
| Colored, present number,..... | 20 |
| Communion Administered,..... | 3 |
| Collections—Domestic Missions,..... | \$26 35 |

Time spent in the Parish, in the performance of its regular duties, since last report, six months.

This Parish, though greatly weakened by removals, still continues to cherish a lively interest in the affairs of the Church, and to manifest a most praiseworthy determination to be supplied with ministerial services. The present arrangement between this Parish, St. Michael's, and the Rector of Union Parish, was entered into in November last, since which time services have been held regularly twice a month.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, MACON.—Rev. F. R. Hanson, Rector.

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| Baptisms—White, infants, 4; colored, adults, 1; children, 15,..... | Total, 20 |
| Funerals—White,..... | 3 |
| Communicants—White, at last report, 16; removed, 2; present number,..... | 24 |
| Communion Administered,..... | 6 |
| Communion Offerings,..... | \$31 60 |
| Church purposes generally,..... | 6 70 |

Time spent in the Parish since last report, twelve months.

I officiated regularly in this Church in the morning on the second and fourth Sundays of the month until the first of November, since that time I have officiated on every Sunday morning. The Vestry have unanimously requested me to officiate for them regularly on every Sunday morning, and as they have made a liberal provision for my support, it will give me pleasure to comply with their request. The congregations are good, and the Parish seems to be in a prosperous condition.

I devoted a portion of my time during the past summer to an attempt to revive St. John's Parish, on the Prairies, Greene County, and have been very much gratified by the result. There are some five or six Church families residing in the neighborhood who seem to be very anxious to revive the Parish. The residents, generally, are friendly to the object, and have contributed liberally towards the building of a new Church edifice. The congregations were much larger than when I formerly officiated in the Parish, and I think there is every prospect of re-establishing the Church on a permanent foundation. Nearly \$2,500 has been raised to build a new Church. A contract has been entered into with a Carpenter to erect on the site of the old Church a neat Gothic building, which I hope will be ready in a few months for consecration. I baptised two children in the Parish, and attended one funeral. These official acts are reported among the statistics of St. Andrew's.

During the absence of the Rev. J. M. BANISTER, on a visit to Europe, I officiated, by his request, in St. Paul's Church, Greensboro', in the afternoon of every other Sunday. For the slight service I was enabled to render to his Congregation, they made me a very liberal compensation, which was grateful to me, not more as a token of their kindness, than as indicating their high appreciation of the services of the Church, and the influence which those services had exerted on their minds and character.

I also officiated occasionally in the afternoon in St. Michael's Church, and on one occasion baptised eighteen negro children belonging to a member of the Church in that Parish.

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS, UNIONTOWN.—Rev. R. A. Coats, Rector.

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| Baptisms—White, infants, 6; colored, infants, 4,..... | Total, 10 |
| Marriages—White,..... | 8 |
| Funerals—White, 2; colored, 1,..... | Total, 3 |
| Communicants—White, at last report, 26; removed, 2; present number,..... | 25 |
| Colored, present number,..... | 5 |
| Communion Administered,..... | 12 |
| Communion Offerings,..... | \$28 20 |
| Collections—Diocesan Missions,..... | 17 75 |

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| Collections—Domestic Missions,..... | 6 80 |
| Foreign Missions,..... | 8 30 |

Time spent in the Parish, in the performance of its regular duties, since last report, twelve months.

There is nothing of special interest to report concerning this Parish, except that during the last year, and especially during the late season of Lent, the attendance upon the services has been better than usual. Services are still held on Sunday afternoons for the benefit of the negroes, at three different points. At one of these points considerable interest is manifested, and had the Bishop been able to visit us at the appointed time, quite a number would have been confirmed.

The Rector feels bound to acknowledge here, the great kindness and liberality manifested towards him by his Parish during the last year. Not only has his salary been nearly doubled, but a considerable sum has been collected for the purpose of re-furnishing and repairing the Rectory. He has also, from time to time, received many tangible, substantial and most acceptable evidences of their kindness and good will.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, EUFAULA.—Rev. W. M. STEELE, Rector.

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| Funerals,..... | 8 |
| Communicants—Died, 1; removed, 1; added, 1; present number,..... | *24 |
| Sunday School—Teachers, 13; scholars, white,..... | 44 |
| Library Books, about..... | 125 |
| Communion Administered,..... | 8 |
| Communion Offerings,..... | \$ 21 30 |
| Collections—For Sunday School Books,..... | 14 00 |
| For Church purposes,..... | 108 00 |

Time spent in the Parish, in the performance of its regular duties, five months.

The Rector holds monthly services in Clayton, his place here being filled by Mr. W. M. BARTLEY, as Lay-Reader.

*Three of this number reside in Clayton.

TRINITY CHURCH, MOBILE.—Rev. J. A. MASSKY, Rector.

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| Baptisms—White, adults, 2; infants, 35; colored, infants, 5,..... | Total, 42 |
| Confirmations—White,..... | 8 |
| Marriages—White, 12; colored, 6,..... | Total, 18 |
| Funerals—White, 48; colored, 7,..... | Total, 55 |
| Communicants—White, at last report, 213; died, 2; removed, 21; present No.,..... | 216 |
| Sunday School—Teachers, 17; scholars, white,..... | 136 |
| Library Books,..... | 422 |
| Communion Administered, (in public, 12, in private, 11,)..... | 23 |
| Communion Offerings,..... | \$213 60 |
| Collections—Domestic Missions,..... | 58 20 |
| Foreign Missions,..... | 59 00 |

Time spent in the Parish, in the performance of its regular duties, since last report, nearly twelve months.

ST. MARK'S CHURCH, FORK OF GREENE.—Rev. STEPHEN U. SMITH, Rector.

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| Baptisms—White, infants,..... | 1 |
| Confirmations—White,..... | 1 |
| Communicants—White, at the last report, 13; present number,..... | 13 |
| Communion Administered,..... | 7 |
| Communion Offerings,..... | \$20 60 |
| Collections—Diocesan Missions, (appropriated from Communion Offerings,).. | 5 00 |
| Foreign Missions, (\$2 45 from Offerings, and \$7 00 collected,)... | 9 45 |
| For Church purposes generally,..... | 11 00 |

Time spent in the Parish, in the performance of its regular duties, since last report, twelve months.

Service, the second and fourth Sundays in each month.

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, JACKSONVILLE.

Rev. WILLIAM D. CHRISTIAN, Missionary in charge.

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| Baptisms—White, infants, 6; colored, infants, 1,..... | Total, 7 |
| Confirmations—White,..... | 2 |
| Marriages—White,..... | 4 |
| Funerals—White,..... | 1 |
| Communicants—White, at last report, 21; removed, 2; present number,..... | 21 |
| Sunday School—Teachers, 6; scholars, white, say 25, colored, say 10,.... | Total, 35 |
| Library Books, say..... | 175 |

I give no account of the times of Communion administered and of the Offerings of the Parish, as I am not possessed of the requisite statistical facts.

The Rev. Mr. Morris having resigned the rectorship of this Parish—at the invitation of the Vestry and with consent of the Bishop, I took charge of it in conjunction with Talladega. My services here, began about the 23d of January. I officiated in this place half the time, the remaining Sundays being devoted to Talladega.

TALLADEGA MISSION.—Rev. WILLIAM D. CHRISTIAN, Missionary in charge.

Upon my arrival in the Diocese, this was appointed as my field of labor. I held my first service in Talladega on the 14th of November of last year. We were so fortunate as to obtain from the start the "Old Fellows' Hall" as our place of worship. It is a pleasant and commodious room and situated also in quite a central part of the town. We have engaged it for a year. Since I have begun holding services in this place, the congregations at times have been, perhaps, as good as might have been expected, but frequently the attendance has been small. There are about nine communicants in the town and vicinity, and a few others attached to the Church. I have baptised one child in private and also buried it. I officiated here for a while regularly every Sunday, but now two Sundays out of every four. I am sorry to say that I cannot give so encouraging an account as I would like respecting the prospects of building up the Church in this town. It seems to be a difficult field. We trust that when the Railroad reaches there, it will be of some benefit to us.

All this is most respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM D. CHRISTIAN.

To the Rt. Rev. N. H. Coles, D. D., Bp. of Alabama.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, ELYTON, JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALA.

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| Confirmations—White,..... | 1 |
| Marriages—White,..... | 1 |
| Funerals—White,..... | 1 |
| Communicants—White, at the last report, 18; present number,..... | 19 |
| Colored, at last report,..... | 1 |
| Sunday School—Teachers, 4; scholars, white,..... | 18 |
| Communion Administered,..... | 1 |

As this Parish has had no Rector since last Convention, there has been no services except four given us by the Bishop at his last visitation in September.

NATHANIEL HAWKINS, Warden.

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH, MARENGO COUNTY.—Rev. R. A. Coles, Rector.

Rev. J. C. WADDILL, Assistant Minister.

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| Baptisms—Colored, adults, 18; infants, 22,..... | Total, 35 |
| Funerals—White,..... | 1 |
| Communicants—White, at last report, 18; died, 1; removed, 2; present No.,..... | 15 |
| Colored, present number,..... | 8 |
| Communion Administered,..... | 3 |
| Collections—Diocesan Missions,..... | \$10 20 |
| Domestic Missions,..... | 12 40 |

Time spent in the Parish, in the performance of its regular duties, since last report, five months.

Circumstances, in themselves unavoidable, have thus far prevented the entire completion of the Church edifice belonging to this Parish. It is hoped, however, that not many more months will elapse before it is, in all respects, ready for consecration. By an arrangement recently made with St. David's Church, and the Rector of Union Parish, this Parish is now supplied with ministerial services twice a month. The large number of colored baptisms, above reported, were all on the plantation of a member of this Parish, who has long been noted for her zeal in the instruction of her servants. And that her pains-taking labors have not been without their reward, is evinced by the fact that quite a number of them are now awaiting the Bishop's visit in order to be confirmed.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, MOBILE.—Rev. H. N. PIERCE, Rector.

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| Baptisms—White, adults, 4; infants, 56; colored, infants, 1,..... | Total, 61 |
| Confirmations—White,..... | 14 |
| Marriages—White,..... | 16 |
| Funerals—White,..... | 68 |
| Communicants—White, at last report, 90; died, 6; removed, 4; present No.... | 106 |
| Sunday School—Teachers, 10; scholars, white,..... | 100 |
| Library Books,..... | 250 |
| Communion Administered, (in Church, 17; in private, 5,)..... | 22 |
| Communion Offerings,..... | \$ 249 78 |
| Collections—Diocesan Missions,..... | 20 00 |
| For Church Home,..... | 1,286 25 |
| For the Poor, besides Communion Offerings,..... | 129 00 |

Time spent in the Parish, in the performance of its regular duties, since last report, twelve months.

The whole amount of money raised during the past year in this Parish, by all means and for all purposes, is found to be somewhat more than five thousand dollars; of this sum, \$2,191 38 have been taken up on the plate.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, LOWNDESBOROUGH.—Rev. W. J. PERDUE, Rector.

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| Baptisms—White, infants, 2; colored, infants, 57,..... | Total, 59 |
| Confirmations—White,..... | 1 |
| Marriages—White,..... | 1 |
| Funerals—White,..... | 2 |
| Communicants—White, at the last report, 19; removed, 2; present number,.... | 18 |
| Communion Administered,..... | 9 |
| Communion Offerings,..... | \$20 90 |
| Collections—Diocesan Missions,..... | 10 00 |

Time spent in the Parish, in the performance of its regular duties, since last report, twelve months.

ST. STEPHENS, WASHINGTON Co., ALA., }
April 20th, 1859. }

Rt. Rev. Sir:—We took charge of our present field in the month of April, 1858. The missionary operations extend into two Counties, i. e. Washington and Choctaw. Four points engage, at present, our attention, i. e. St. Stephens, in Washington; Bladon Springs, Butler, Pushmataha, in Choctaw County.

ST. STEPHENS, WASHINGTON COUNTY.

Divine services have been celebrated at this place every third Sunday in the month. The congregations have, generally, been numerous and attentive. The building which we use is a Methodist Meeting House, which has been kindly tendered to us for one Sunday in the month. We found St. Stephens an organized

parish, yet, in the language of last year's report of the Committee on the State of the Church: "In this matter of the admission of new Parishes, it may, sometimes, be the case that the more haste is the worst speed. There are certain kinds of lands, of which the more a man owns the poorer he is, and there may be Parishes whose names upon the record are only signs of the weakness of the Church. They are a name and nothing more."

One Church family has already moved to another county, and we lose, thereby, two communicants.

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| Baptisms—White, adult, 1 ; children, 5 ; colored, children, 4, | Total, 10 |
| Marriages—White, | 1 |
| Funerals—Colored, | 1 |
| Communicants—White, | 6 |
| Communion Administered, | 2 |
| Contributions to Domestic Missions, | \$10 00 |

BLADON SPRINGS, CHOCTAW COUNTY.

This place contains only one Church family and one Communicant—a lady. During the last summer the services were very well attended; congregations were large and reverential. In the winter, however, they were necessarily much smaller. A log cabin Meeting House, near to the Springs, serves us for performing the services.

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| Contributions to Domestic Missions, | \$10 00 |
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BUTLER, CHOCTAW COUNTY.

This small village is the County seat. Three Church families constitute our strength, one of which residing eight miles distant. The zealous efforts of a few ladies have procured subscriptions to the amount of several hundred dollars for the purpose of erecting a Church edifice. They are now making preparations to hold a Fair for the same praiseworthy object. Our services have been solemnized in the Methodist Meeting House. The congregations, generally, good in numbers and attentive.

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| Baptisms—White, children, 2 ; colored, children, 4, | Total, 6 |
| Communicants—White, | 6 |
| Communion Administered, | 2 |

PUSHMATAHA, CHOCTAW COUNTY.

At this point the services have been celebrated in the Baptist Meeting House. The congregations have, usually, been large and attentive. There are six Church families round about this place, within the radius of about ten miles. A Parish was organized in the month of April last year, and the Articles of Association were sent to the Convention at Huntsville, but they did not reach their destination in time to be acted upon. They are now on file with the Secretary of the Convention. Last summer the Vestry with great zeal and liberality decided to erect a Church edifice. They hold subscriptions to the amount of fifteen hundred dollars; seven hundred of which have already been collected. A portion of this sum has been contributed by persons of other communions. It is hoped and believed that the Vestry will be able to begin the erection of the building in the course of the ensuing summer.

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| Baptisms—White, children, 5 ; colored, children, 10, | Total, 15 |
| Marriages—Colored, | 1 |
| Communicants, | 14 |
| Communion Administered, | 2 |
| Contributions to Domestic Missions, | \$6 00 |

GENERAL REMARKS.—The range of operations extends seventy miles from south to north. St. Stephens being the most southern point and Pushmataha the most northern. Our routine of labor has been as follows: we leave St. Stephens and travel to Pushmataha on a stretch of seventy miles, which consumes from two to two and a half days, and preach at the latter place on the first Sunday of the month.

We remain in that vicinity five or six days, visiting the Church families and sometimes, also, others. From Pushmataha we go to Butler on Friday preceding the second Sunday in the month. We preach there on that day, and on the following Monday or Tuesday we turn our steps homeward, travelling again seventy miles. We preach at St. Stephens on the third Sunday of the month. The following Friday or Saturday we go to Bladon Springs, twenty miles distant, and preach on the fourth Sunday. We retrace our steps to St. Stephens, and after remaining there two or three days, we start again for Pushmataha.

In the vicinity of St. Stephens we have constantly made missionary excursions during the last spring, summer, autumn, and also in the winter when the inclemency of the weather and the state of our health—which during the winter months was very bad—allowed us. Sometimes our rides have extended from ten to twenty-four miles below St. Stephens. Previous to the setting in of the winter inclement weather, we never rested more than three or four consecutive days per month, without being in the saddle. Nearly the same course of riding and visiting has been pursued at all the missionary points.

Some treatises on the Church have been distributed, and the effect of their perusal has been, on some few persons, of a decided beneficial character. Tracts, sent to us, gratis, from New York, have been circulated; some Prayer Books have been given; all of which have been thankfully received. Many have attended the services who never had, before, heard them. Some like them well. Others express decided preference. We hope that, through the gracious help of the Great Head of the Church, some interest has been excited and some good has been done. The whole field is entirely new ground. The hindrances are such as would try, severely, the strongest faith and the toughest feelings. The skies are still cloudy. The religious atmosphere is still chilly. The star of hope is still under the horizon. Our duty is to pray, labor, and rely on Divine help.

We place the bark of our hopes on the highest promontory and wait for the rising of the waters of grace to set it afloat.

We have received, at all the Missionary points, both hospitality and liberality.

Very respectfully, your obed't serv't, in Christ and the Church,

A. MENÆOS.

Rt. Rev. N. H. COBBS, D. D.

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD, MOBILE.—Rev. J. A. MASSEY, Officiating.

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| Baptisms—Colored, adults, 8; infants, 7, | Total, 10 |
| Confirmations—Colored, | 5 |
| Marriages—Colored, | 2 |
| Funerals—Colored, | 1 |
| Communicants—Colored, at the last report, 81; present No. | 87 |
| Communion administered, | 12 |
| Communion Offerings, | \$30 50 |
| Collections—For Church purposes generally, | 78 10 |

SPRING HILL INSTITUTE, }
NEAR MOBILE, May 2d, 1859. }

Dear Sir:

My labors have been continued here, without interruption, during the past year. My School never was so prosperous as at this time.

We have organized a Parish under the title of St. PAUL'S CHURCH, Mobile County, which will apply for admission into union with the Diocese during the present session of the Convention.

At the next Convention I hope to report the completion of our proposed Church edifice.

Communicants, occasionally communing, may be set down at 12, though the most of these are connected with the city congregations.

Confirmed, (a member of the Institute,).....1
 Marriages,....1
 Contributed to Rector,.....\$120 00
 Contributed to Missions,..... 6 00
 Our Sunday School is continued quite successfully.
 Yours truly, in Christ,

JOS. J. NICHOLSON, Rector.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, MOBILE.

I took charge, by invitation of the Vestry, of this deeply interesting congregation about six months ago, and though thereby greatly increasing my labors, I am much more than compensated by the pleasure derived from the work, and the hearty unanimity of the members of the Parish.

This is a free Church, conducted strictly on free Church principles, and I am encouraged to believe that in time to come it will be a strong and influential Parish.

Since I took charge there have been

Confirmed, (one in Christ Church,).....5
 Added to the Communion,.....5
 The present number of Communicants,.....30

The Sunday School Library has received valuable additions since last Convention.

The Sunday School is very flourishing, and the children are openly catechised in the Church.

Upon the whole I am greatly encouraged in my work, and though my School enterprise is wholly individual, yet is it, in principle and effect, a work for the Church, where fruits will in due time, please God, be seen and realized.

JOS. J. NICHOLSON.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, MADISON COUNTY.

Rev. JOHN MURRAY ROBERTSON, Rector.

Baptisms—White, infants, 4; colored, infants, 8,.....Total, 12
 Funerals—White,1
 Communicants—White at last report, 10; removed, 3; present number,.....11
 Colored, at last report, 1; removed, 1,.....
 Library Books,.....50
 Communions Administered,.....4

Time spent in the Parish, in the performance of its regular duties, since last report, eleven months.

In addition to duty performed in the Parish, the Rector has given every third Sunday in each month to a Station in Jackson County, Ala., where the colored population has mostly occupied his attention, and it is in this locality that the eight baptisms were administered.

REPORT OF REV. EDWARD DENNISTON.

The Missionary in Macon and Russel Counties reports to the Bishop the following statement in regard to the different places in which he has been officiating:

In TRINITY CHURCH, AUBURN, there are four families and seven Communicants; two persons have been confirmed.

In TALLASSEE, there are five families and six Communicants.

In YOUNGBOROUGH, there are three families and four Communicants.

In ST. JOHN'S, IN THE WILDERNESS, there are two families and one Communicant. On the Plantation of Col. TURNER there is a Chapel for the colored people, of whom a large number are Communicants.

In OPELIKA, there are eight families and five Communicants. One marriage has been solemnized.

In **TUSKEGEE**, there are four families and five Communicants.

In **WEST POINT**, there are some Church families, and something might be done for the Church if regular services could be had there.

In **GIRARD**, also, we have several Church families. Your Missionary sometimes preaches to the colored people on the Plantation of Judge **ECHOLA**. There are amongst them, eight Communicants. One adult has been baptised, and one marriage has been solemnized.

EDWARD DENNISTON, Missionary.

REPORT OF REV. JAMES S. JARRETT.

Rt. Rev. and Dear Sir:—Your Missionary at Greenville, Butler County, and Letohatchee, Lowndes County, would respectfully submit the following report:

GREENVILLE, BUTLER COUNTY.

Baptisms—White,1
Communicants,2

Since the first Sunday after Christmas I have held a semi-monthly service at this place. A steadily increasing congregation of respectful and attentive hearers, and an unusual readiness to join in the responses, are encouraging indications of success in planting the Church here, where her services have heretofore been unknown.

LETOHATCHEE, LOWNDES COUNTY.

I commenced semi-monthly services at this place in December last. Owing to bad weather and prairie roads the attendance has been small, and several times none at all; but we have good reason to expect a large congregation during the summer.

MRS. JARRATT'S PLANTATION.

Baptisms—Colored,6

During last year I officiated as Lay-Reader and catechised the children that were baptised by you last winter. Since my admission to Holy Orders I have baptised six others and preached twice. One of the servants, who stood sponsor for most of of them, is teaching them the catechism, and I have promised to visit them every fifth Sunday.

Most respectfully, yours,

JAS. S. JARRATT.

Rt. Rev. N. H. COBBS, D. D.

REPORT OF REV. J. F. SMITH.

Rt. Rev. and Dear Sir:—Since my ordination last summer, I have been officiating regularly at Prattville and Autaugaville, Autauga county, and since February last, once a month at Hayneville, Lowndes county.

At **PRATTVILLE** there has been one baptism, an adult, and two confirmations.

At **AUTAUGAVILLE**, there have been four confirmations, making at that place now, six Communicants. We have at this place a Church under contract, and the prospect for building up a Parish here is now very promising.

At **PRATTVILLE** the congregations are good, and nothing prevents the speedy building up of a Parish but the want of a Church building.

At **HAYNEVILLE** the congregations are good, and the prospect for building up the Church at this place by no means discouraging.

Truly yours, in Christ and his Church,

J. F. SMITH.

Rt. Rev. N. H. COBBS, D. D.

ARTICLES OF SUBSCRIPTION
TO THE
ALABAMA DIOCESAN FEMALE SEMINARY,
AT MONTGOMERY.

For the purpose of establishing at Montgomery, Ala., an Educational Institute of the highest rank, to be called the "Alabama Diocesan Female Seminary," we, the undersigned, do hereby severally agree to pay the sums set against our names respectively, in three equal instalments to be due and payable, the first on or before the first day of January, 1859—the second, on or before the first day of January, 1860—the third, on or before the first day of January, 1861; the said Seminary to be under the control of a Board of Trustees, consisting of the Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Alabama, who shall be President *ex officio*, and four other members, who shall be designated by the numbers 1, 2, 3 and 4 respectively, and to be elected by the Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Alabama, each for a term of four years, it being understood, however, that at the first election, Trustee No. 1 shall be elected for a term of only one year, Trustee No. 2 for a term of only two years, and Trustee No. 3 for a term of only three years; so that there shall be at least one Trustee to be elected at each annual Convention thereafter.

It is further understood that any person subscribing one thousand dollars shall be entitled to a scholarship in said Seminary, to be assignable and perpetual, and to be known always by the name given to it by the subscriber, and giving to the holder the privilege of educating at said Seminary one pupil, free of charges for tuition in all the branches taught in the Seminary, except only those branches usually termed "extra."

It is further understood that a Book shall be opened and kept by the Secretary of the Board of Trustees, in which shall be recorded all the names of the scholarships created as aforesaid, and a regular record made whenever any of said scholarships shall have been transferred by gift or sale, so as to show at all times the original subscribers, and the then holders of the scholarships respectively.

It is further understood that so soon as suitable buildings, and other necessary accommodations shall be provided, the Board of Trustees shall contract with some person, or persons, to take charge of the Seminary, which person or persons, shall have the use of the entire property, rent free, for two years, from and after the first opening of the Seminary; provided that said person, or persons, shall make no charges for the tuition of the pupils entered under the scholarship aforesaid, in any of the branches of education except those usually termed "extra," and after the expiration of the two years aforesaid, the property of the Seminary shall be leased upon such terms as may be agreed on between the Board and the Lessee, provided, as before, that no charges shall be made for tuition of pupils entered under the scholarships, except in those branches usually termed "extra," provided, also, that the Lessee shall be allowed to deduct from the rent to be paid, the amount of the tuition fees duly credited to the scholarship.

It is further understood that the Board of Trustees shall reserve, at all times, the power to revoke the lease of the property, and to dismiss the Principal of the Seminary, at the close of any Annual Session; provided, only, that four months previous notice shall have been given to said Principal of their intentions to do so.

Rules of Order.

RULE 1.—The business of the first day of the Session of every Convention shall be introduced by the Morning Service of the Church, read by the President, or by a clerical member appointed by him; a Sermon, and the administration of the Holy Communion: and that of each succeeding day by such prayers as he may select from the Liturgy.

RULE 2.—The order of transacting the business of the Convention shall be—First, the appointment of a President, (if there be no Bishop, or if he be absent,) and a Secretary *pro tem*. The Secretary shall then call, in alphabetical order, the names of the Clergy entitled to seats. He shall next call the Churches entitled to representation, when the Delegates shall lay their certificates on the Secretary's table. These shall be referred to a committee of three, who shall forthwith examine them and report to the Convention. A constitutional quorum having been found present, the President shall declare the Convention duly organized.

RULE 3.—The further order of business shall be as follows: 1. The appointment of a President from among the clerical members present, (if there be no Bishop, or if he be absent.) 2. The appointment of a Secretary. 3. The consideration of the application of Churches or Parishes for admission into union with the Convention. 4. The appointment, by the President, of Standing Committees, viz: the Committee on the State of the Church—the Committee on Canons—the Committee on Finance—the Committee on Unfinished Business. 5. The Annual Communication of the Standing Committee of the Diocese. 6. The Annual Address of the Bishop, (if there be one, and he be present.) 7. The reports of Committees appointed at the last Convention, with instructions to report at this Convention. 8. The reading of the Parochial Reports. 9. The election of the Standing Committee of the Diocese, by ballot. 10. The election of Delegates to the General Convention, by ballot. 11. Reports to be called for. 12. Miscellaneous business.

RULE 4.—When the President takes the chair, no member shall continue standing, or shall stand up unless to address the President.

RULE 5.—When a member is about to speak in debate, or present any subject to the Convention, he shall, with due respect, address himself to the President, confining himself strictly to the matter under consideration.

RULE 6.—No member shall absent himself from the sessions of the Convention, unless he have leave of the President, or be unable to attend.

RULE 7.—No member shall speak more than twice upon the subject in debate, unless he have leave of the Convention.

RULE 8.—A question being once determined, shall stand as the decision of the Convention, and shall not be again discussed, unless with the consent of two-thirds of the Convention; *Provided, however*, that any member of the Convention voting in the affirmative may, on the same day in which the vote is taken, move for a reconsideration of the same vote.

RULE 9. No motion shall be debated, or be considered before the Convention, (except a motion to adjourn,) unless seconded, and reduced to writing (if requested) by the mover, and read by the Secretary.

RULE 10.—When a motion is under consideration, no other motion shall be made, except to amend, to divide, to commit, or to postpone. A motion to adjourn, however, shall always be in order, and decided without debate.

RULE 11.—A question on amendment shall be decided before the original motion.

RULE 12.—Every member who shall be present when the question is put, shall vote, unless he be personally interested, or be excused from voting by the Convention.

Diocesan Officers.

Standing Committee.

Rev. J. M. MITCHELL, Montgomery, President.

Rev. GEO. F. CUSHMAN, Cahaba, Secretary.

Rev. J. H. TICKNOR.

A. R. BELL.

M. J. CONLEY.

S. G. JONES.

Trustees of the Bishop's Fund.

A. W. ELLERBE, Treasurer, Liberty Hill, Dallas County.

H. L. ALISON, Carlowville.

SAM'L G. JONES, Montgomery.

Treasurer of Diocesan Missions.

THOMAS W. MCCOY, Mobile.

Court for the Trial of Clergymen.

Rev. F. B. LEE,

Rev. F. R. HANSON,

Rev. H. C. LAY, D. D.

Rev. J. A. MASSEY,

Rev. J. M. BANISTER.

Trustees of the University of the South.

Rev. H. C. LAY, D. D.

C. T. POLLARD,

LEROY H. ANDERSON.

Treasurer of the University of the South in the Diocese of Alabama.

A. R. BELL, Montgomery.

Trustees of the Diocesan Female Seminary.

Rt. Rev. N. H. COBBS, D. D., President *ex-officio*.

No. 1.—Dr. T. B. TAYLOR,

No. 2.—C. T. POLLARD,

No. 3.—SAM'L G. JONES,

No. 4.—Rev. J. M. MITCHELL.

Secretary and Treasurer of the Convention.

HENRY A. TAYLOR, Macon, Marengo County.

Delegates to the General Convention.

| | |
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| Rev. H. C. LAY, D. D. | H. A. TAYLOR, |
| Rev. J. M. BANISTER, | A. W. ELLERBE, |
| Rev. F. R. HANSON, | ROBERT S. BUNKER, |
| Rev. J. A. MASSEY, | C. T. POLLARD. |

Alternates.

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|-----------------------|------------------|
| Rev. J. M. MITCHELL, | N. H. R. DAWSON, |
| Rev. GEO. F. CUSHMAN, | M. J. CONLEY, |
| Rev. R. A. COBBS, | L. H. ANDERSON, |
| Rev. F. B. LEE, | DAVID MINGE. |

ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION.

WE, whose names are hereunto affixed, deeply impressed with the importance of the Christian religion, and earnestly desiring to promote its holy influence in the hearts and lives of ourselves, our families, and our neighbors, do hereby associate ourselves together under the name and style and title of the Parish of——Church, ——, —— County, and State of Alabama, and by so doing, adopt the Constitution and Canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Alabama, in communion with the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America.

Agreeably to Canon XI, 1850, we certify to the Convention of the Diocese of Alabama, that the above recited Articles of Association have been duly signed by the members of the Parish of —— Church, ——.

FORM OF PAROCHIAL REPORT.

| ——— Parish. ——— Rector. ——— Data. |
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| Baptisms—White, adults, —; infants, —,.....Total, — |
| “ Colored, adults, —; infants, —,.....“ — |
| Confirmations—White, —; colored, —;.....“ — |
| Marriages—White, —; colored, —;.....“ — |
| Funerals—White, —; colored, —;.....“ — |
| Communicants—White, at last Report, —; Died, —; Removed, —; pres't number, — |
| “ Colored, at the last Report, —; Died, —; Removed, —; “ “ — |
| Sunday School—Teachers, —; scholars, white, —; colored, —;.....Total, — |
| Library Books,.....— |
| Communion administered,.....— |
| Communion Offerings,.....— |
| Collections—Diocesan Missions,.....— |
| “ Domestic “— |
| “ Foreign “— |
| “ For Parochial Schools,.....— |
| “ For Church purposes, generally,.....— |
| Time spent in the Parish in the performance of its regular duties since last Report,.....— months. |
| REMARKS— |

Journal of the Proceedings

OF THE

SOCIETY FOR THE RELIEF OF DISABLED CLERGYMEN, AND OF THE WIDOWS AND ORPHANS OF DECEASED CLERGYMEN OF THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH, IN THE DIOCESE OF ALABAMA.

MEMBERS.

- 1846.—Rt. Rev. N. H. COBBS, D. D., *life member*; Rev. F. B. LEE, Rev. J. A. MASSEY, Rev. F. R. HANSON; H. L. ALISON, H. A. TAYLOR.
- 1847.—Rev. J. M. MITCHELL; PAUL LEE, M. J. CONLEY, DAVID MINGE.
- 1848.—Rev. R. A. COBBS; L. H. ANDERSON, *life member*; E. W. PECK.
- 1849.—Rev. H. C. LAY, D. D.; JOHN P. BROUN, A. W. ELLERBE, THOS. B. TAYLOR.
- 1850.—EMANUEL JONES.
- 1853.—W. W. LANG, *life member*; J. W. CLAY.
- 1854.—R. P. McCORD, J. D. ALISON, Mrs. A. J. LEE.
- 1855.—Rev. B. B. LEACOCK, *life member*; Rev. R. D. NEVIUS, Rev. GEO. F. CUSHMAN; C. L. STICKNEY, H. E. CURTIS, ISAAC CROOM, Mrs. SAWYER, Mrs. S. E. PASTEUR, Mrs. AVERY, Mrs. THOMAS POE.
- 1856.—Rev. GEO. W. STICKNEY; Mrs. M. C. LOCKWOOD, Mrs. ABBY BROUN.
- 1857.—Mrs. SARAH MICOU, C. T. POLLARD, JAMES MARX, BENJAMIN H. MICOU, *life members*; S. G. JONES, Miss JANE RANDOLPH, D. W. PITTS, A. R. BELL, Miss MARY MARX, JAMES CALDWELL, EDWARD A. SEMPLE, P. T. SAYRE, JOHN W. SHEPHERD, Mrs. JOHN W. SHEPHERD.
- 1858.—Mrs. JAMES BOYKIN, JNO. E. MOORE, *life members*; Miss LANG, Miss A. ALISON, Mrs. C. C. PEGUES, Mrs. E. J. DONEGAN, Mrs. C. C. CLAY, Mrs. M. P. RICE, GEO. P. BEIRNE, Mrs. GEO. P. BEIRNE, L. P. WALKER, Mrs. J. WITHERS CLAY, Mrs. SAMUEL G. JONES, GABRIEL JORDAN.

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, CAHABA, }
May 7th, 1859, 5 o'clock P. M. }

After the adjournment of the Convention, the Society for the Relief of Disabled Clergymen and the Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergy-

men, was called to order by the Rt. Rev. N. H. COBBS, D. D., President of the Society.

The roll was called by the Secretary, and the following members were in attendance :

Rt. Rev. N. H. COBBS, D. D.

Rev. Messrs. HANSON, MITCHELL, R. A. COBBS, LAY, LEE, MASSEY, NEVIUS and CUSHMAN, of the Clergy, and Messrs. H. L. ALISON, TAYLOR, CONLEY, BROWN, J. D. ALISON, S. G. JONES and JAMES CALDWELL.

On motion, the Society proceeded to the election of its annual officers.

The Rt. Rev. N. H. COBBS, D. D., declining a re-election,

Mr. N. H. R. DAWSON was nominated and elected President.

Mr. HENRY A. TAYLOR " " " " Secretary.

Mr. GEO. P. BEIRNE, " " " " Treasurer.

The account of the Treasurer was presented and referred to a Committee consisting of Messrs. H. L. ALISON and CONLEY.

On motion, the Society adjourned until 8 o'clock P. M.

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, CAHABA, }
May 7th, 8 o'clock P. M. }

The Society met at 8 o'clock P. M. The President in the Chair.

The Committee appointed to inspect the Report of the Treasurer, reported that it was all correct.

The following Resolution was presented :

Resolved, That the claims of this Society be presented to the attention of the Laity in the Diocese of Alabama, and a Committee be appointed to take up a collection and the names of those persons who wish to become Annual or Life Members of said Society. Adopted.

Rev. J. M. MITCHELL and Mr. C. C. PEGUES were appointed to take up a collection, in pursuance of the above resolution.

On motion, the Society adjourned *sine die*.

N. H. R. DAWSON, President.

HENRY A. TAYLOR, Secretary.

ANNUAL STATEMENT of the Treasurer of the Society for the Relief of Widows and Orphans, &c., of the Diocese of Alabama. May 1, 1859.

COLLECTION AT CHURCH OF NATIVITY, HUNTSVILLE, 22d May, 1858.

Life Member—Mrs. James Boykin,.....\$ 50 00

Annual Members—

| | |
|----------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Miss Jane Randolph,.....\$ 5 | C. L. Stickney,.....\$5 |
| Mrs. M. C. Lockwood,..... 5 | A. W. Ellerbe,..... 5 |
| R. P. McCord,..... 5 | H. A. Tayloe,..... 5 |
| Miss Lang,..... 10 | Miss Lang,..... 5 |
| Rev. G. F. Cushman,..... 5 | H. L. Alison,..... 5 |
| J. D. Alison,..... 5 | Miss A. Alison,..... 5 |
| M. J. Conley,..... 5 | A. R. Bell,..... 5 |
| Paul Lee,..... 5 | D. W. Pitts,..... 5 |
| Mrs. C. C. Pegues,..... 5 | Mrs. E. J. Donegan,..... 5 |
| Mrs. Samuel G. Jones,..... 5 | Mrs. C. C. Clay,..... 5 |
| Mrs. M. P. Rice,..... 5 | R. P. McCord, (for 1859,)..... 5 |
| John P. Broun,..... 5 | Dr. E. A. Semple,..... 5 |
| Mrs. Abby Broun,..... 5 | |
| Collection in Church of Nativity,..... | 46 20 |

Members with benefit—

| | |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| Rt. Rt. Rev. N. H. Cobbs, | \$40 |
| Rev. F. R. Hanson, | 40 |
| Rev. H. C. Lay, D. D.,..... | 40 |
| Rev. John M. Mitchell,..... | 20 |
| Rev. G. W. Stickney,..... | 10—\$150 00 |
| | <u>\$376 20</u> |

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| H. L. Alison's note with interest from 1st May, 1857,..... | \$150 00 |
| Interest to 21st May, 1858,..... | 12 70 |
| Rev. R. A. Cobbs note with interest from 1st July, 1857,..... | 50 00 |
| Interest on same to 21st May, 1858,..... | 8 56 |
| Memphis and Charleston Railroad Co., discount on bill for \$644,.. | 51 54—\$267 80 |
| 1858.—May 27.—John E. Moore, life member,..... | 50 00 |

Collections as follows:

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|----------------------------------------|-----------------|
| 1858.—June 4.—Rev. R. D. Nevins, | \$ 5 |
| “ 11.—Rev. F. B. Lee,..... | 30 |
| “ 11.—Mrs. Ann L. Lee,..... | 5 |
| “ 12.—Geo. P. Beirne,..... | 5 |
| “ 12.—Mrs. Geo. P. Beirne,..... | 5 |
| “ 12.—Gen. L. P. Walker,..... | 5 |
| “ 12.—Mrs. J. Withers Clay,..... | 5 |
| July 9.—Mrs. Samuel G. Jones,..... | 5 |
| “ 26.—Gabriel Jordan,..... | 5 |
| Sept. 1.—John W. Shepherd,..... | 5 |
| “ 1.—Mrs. J. W. Shepherd,..... | 5—\$ 80 00 |
| | <u>\$774 00</u> |

The items above have been carried to the proper accounts on the books of the Treasurer.

BALANCE SHEET, 1st May, 1859.

| | Dr. | Cr. |
|------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Bills Receivable,..... | \$5,782 17 | |
| Cash, | 80 00 | |
| Stock,..... | | \$5,328 24 |
| Interest,..... | | 483 93 |
| | <u>\$5,812 17</u> | <u>\$5,812 17</u> |

ASSETS IN THE TREASURY, 1st May, 1859.

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| Memphis and Charleston Railroad Company's acceptance, payable twelve months after 1st May, 1858, endorsed by S. Tate, with interest from date,..... | \$5,088 17 |
| Memphis and Charleston Railroad Company's bill on Scruggs, Donegan & Co., of twelve months, from 31st May, 1858,..... | 644 00 |
| John E. Moore's due bill with interest from 27th May, 1858,..... | 50 00 |
| Cash on hand,..... | 80 00 |
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| | \$5,812 17 |


It will appear that the interest for the last twelve months on above assets has not yet been collected, and will therefore go into the next year's transactions.

GEO. P. BEIRNE, Treasurer.

Huntsville, Ala., 1st May, 1859.

Secretary of the Society for the Relief of Disabled Clergymen, &c.
HENRY A. TAYLOR, Macon, Marengo County.

Treasurer of the Society for the Relief of Disabled Clergymen, &c.
GEORGE P. BEIRNE, Huntsville.

 The TWENTY-NINTH ANNUAL CONVENTION of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Alabama, will be held in St. Paul's Church, SELMA, on the first Thursday in May, 1860.

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On the 3rd, 4th and 5th of May, A. D. 1860.



MOBILE:

FARROW & DENNETT, BOOK AND JOB PRINTERS,
No. 3 North Water Street.

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List of the Clergy in the Diocese of Alabama.

IN ATTENDANCE.

- Rt. Rev. N. H. COBBS, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese,.....Montgomery, Ala.
- Rev. J. M. BANISTER,.....St. Paul's Church, Greensboro'.
- " WM. M. BARTLEY, Deacon,.....Missionary at Tuskegee.
- " R. A. COBBS,.....Church of the Holy Cross, Uniontown.
- " GEO. F. CUSHMAN,.....St. Luke's Church, Cahaba.
- " CHARLES A. DERBY, Deacon,.....St. Mary's Church, Camden.
- " J. Y. GHOLSON, Deacon,.....St. Michael's Church, Marengo County.
- " F. R. HANSON,.....St. Andrew's Church, Macon.
- " JAS. F. JARRATT, Deacon,.....Missionary at Greenville.
- " F. B. LEE,.....St. Paul's Church, Carlowville.
- " J. A. MASSEY,.....Trinity Church, Mobile.
- " A. MENÆOS,.....St. James' Church, Claiborne.
- " J. M. MITCHELL,.....St. John's Church, Montgomery.
- " R. D. NEVIUS,.....Christ Church, Tuscaloosa.
- " J. J. NICHOLSON,.....St. Mary's Church, Mobile.
- " W. J. PERDUE,.....St. Paul's Church, Lowndesboro'.
- " H. N. PIERCE,.....St. John's Church, Mobile.
- " S. U. SMITH,.....St. James' Church, Livingston.
- " WM. M. STEEL,.....St. James' Church, Eufaula.
- " WM. A. STICKNEY,.....St. Wilfrid's Church, Marion.
- " J. H. TICKNOR,.....St. Paul's Church, Selma.
- " J. C. WADDILL, Deacon,.....Missionary in Choctaw County.
- " H. F. M. WHITESIDES,.....Jacksonville and Elyton.

NOT IN ATTENDANCE.

- " R. H. COBBS,.....Officiating in the Church of the Nativity, Huntsville.
- " *THOMAS A. COOK,.....Talladega.
- " WM. D. CHRISTIAN, Deacon,.....Officiating in Mobile.
- " EDWARD DENNISTON,.....Missionary at Auburn.
- " *G. M. EVERHART, Deacon,.....
- " J. B. RAMSDELL,.....Residing in Indiana.
- " J. M. ROBERTSON,.....St. John's Church, Madison County.
- " *J. S. SHIPMAN,.....Christ Church, Mobile.
- " J. F. SMITH,.....Missionary in Autauga County.
- " J. A. WHEELLOCK,.....St. Stephen's, Eutaw, and St. Alban's, Gainesville.

No. 32.

*Not entitled to seats.

List of Lay Delegates.

Christ Church, Mobile.

*ROBERT S. BUNKER,
WM. K. THURBER,
H. L. REYNOLDS,
DANIEL FITLER,
H. A. LOWE.

Christ Church, Tuscaloosa.

WM. H. BEATTY,
*ALEX. P. HOGAN,
ANDREW S. NICHOLSON,
J. MARTIN,
*THOS. F. LEE.

St. John's Church, Montgomery.

*J. D. PHELAN,
*S. G. JONES,
THOMAS WELCH,
*A. R. BELL,
*WM. C. HOLLONQUIST.

St. Paul's Church, Greensboro'.

ISAAC CROOM,
R. B. WALLER,
A. BENNERS,
J. G. HARVEY,
*C. L. STICKNEY.

Church of the Holy Cross, Uniontown.

*R. W. NICHOLSON,
J. M. LANGHORNE,
*EDWIN SHIELD.

St. Andrew's Church, Macon.

*H. A. TAYLOR,
JAMES H. DUBOSE,
*W. P. BOCOCK,
*W. W. DUGGER,
*R. H. DUGGER.

St. Paul's Church, Selma.

N. H. R. DAWSON,
J. MORGAN,
*N. R. PHILPOT,
A. G. MABRY,
*S. R. BLAKE.

St. David's Church, Dallas County.

*A. W. ELLERBE.

St. James' Church, Claiborne.

*A. J. HENSHAW,
*J. C. ARTHUR,
J. M. AGE.

St. John's Church, Mobile.

*W. P. HAMMOND,
*E. JONES,
*W. D. PROUT,
*W. C. MILLER.

St. Paul's Church, Carlowville.

H. L. ALISON,
J. D. ALISON,
BENJAMIN REYNOLDS,
J. M. LEE,
T. B. LEE.

St. Peter's Church, Lowndes County.

*R. P. MCCORD,
DAVID MCCORD,
JOHN ADAMS.

St. Luke's Church, Cahaba.

*C. C. PEGUES,
D. S. TROY,
W. L. SALTMARSH,
*JOHN A. LODOR,
*M. TROY.

St. Stephen's Church, Eutaw.

W. A. ROGERS,
ALEXANDER JARVIS,
*WM. F. PIERCE.

Trinity Church, Mobile.

T. LEBESNE,
B. A. WHITAKER,
ROBERT ADAMS,
GEO. F. BOONE.

St. Wilfrid's Church, Marion.

*ROBERT T. JONES,
P. LOCKETT,
MORRIS J. WADDILL,
*EDWARD L. STICKNEY,
LEONIDAS WALTHALL.

St. Michael's Church, Marengo County.

*DAVID MINGE,
RICHARD ADAMS,
K. C. DUBOSE,
G. W. H. MINGE,
W. W. HORTON.

St. Mary's Church, Camden.

H. E. CURTIS,
S. W. MATHEWS,
J. F. DORTCH,
T. K. BECK,
F. K. BECK.

St. James' Church, Eufaula.

J. L. PUGH,
JOHN COCHRANE,
E. C. BULLOCK.

Trinity Church, Demopolis.

N. B. WHITFIELD,
D. F. PROUT,
W. E. WINN,
*R. M. ROBERTSON.

Those marked thus * were in attendance.

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THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CONVENTION.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, SELMA, ALA. }
Thursday, May 3d, 1860. }

This being the day appointed for the meeting of the Twenty-Ninth Annual Convention of the Diocese of Alabama, the Clergy and Laity assembled in St. Paul's Church—Divine Service commenced at 10½ o'clock. Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. F. R. HANSON and the Rev. F. B. LEE, and the ante-Communion Service by the Rt. Rev. N. H. COBBS, D. D. The Sermon was preached by the Rev. S. U. SMITH, from the 4th chapter of St. John's Gospel, 48th and 49th verses:

"Then said Jesus unto him, except ye see signs and wonders ye will not believe."
"The nobleman saith unto him, sir, come down ere my child die."

After the Sermon, the Rt. Rev. N. H. COBBS read the Communion Service and administered the Holy Communion, assisted in the distribution of the elements by the Rev. Messrs. HANSON and LEE.

After the Benediction, the Convention was called to order by the Rt. Rev. N. H. COBBS, D. D. On motion, W. W. DUGGER was appointed Secretary, pro tem. The Bishop then presented a list of the Clergy *canonically* connected with the Diocese.

Rt. Rev. N. H. COBBS, D. D. Bishop of the Diocese, Montgomery.
Rev. J. M. BANISTER, St. Paul's Church, Greensboro'.

- " W. M. BARTLEY, Deacon, Missionary at Tuskegee.
- " R. A. COBBS, Church of the Holy Cross, Uniontown.
- " R. H. COBBS, Officiating in the Church of the Nativity, Huntsville.
- " T. A. COOK, residing in Talladega.
- " WM. D. CHRISTIAN, Deacon, officiating in Mobile.
- " GEO. F. CUSHMAN, St. Luke's Church, Cahaba.
- " EDWARD DENNISTON, Missionary at Auburn.
- " CHARLES A. DERBY, Deacon, St. Mary's Church, Camden.
- " GEO. M. EVERHART, Deacon.
- " J. Y. GHOLSON, Deacon, St. Michael's Church, Marengo County.
- " F. R. HANSON, St. Andrew's Church, Macon.
- " JAMES F. JARRATT, Deacon, Missionary at Greenville.
- " F. B. LEE, St. Paul's Church, Carlowville.

Rev. J. A. MASSEY, Trinity Church, Mobile.

- " A. MENÆOS, St. James' Church, Claiborne.
- " J. M. MITCHELL, St. John's Church, Montgomery.
- " R. D. NEVIUS, Christ Church, Tuskaloosa.
- " J. J. NICHOLSON, St. Mary's Church, Mobile.
- " W. J. PERDUE, St. Paul's Church, Lowndesboro'.
- " H. N. PIERCE, St. John's Church, Mobile.
- " J. B. RAMSDALL, residing in Indiana.
- " J. M. ROBERTSON, St. John's Church, Madison County.
- " J. S. SHIPMAN, Christ Church, Mobile.
- " J. F. SMITH, Missionary in Autauga County.
- " S. U. SMITH, St. James' Church, Livingston.
- " WM. M. STEEL, St. James' Church, Eufaula.
- " WM. A. STICKNEY, St. Wilfrid's Church, Marion.
- " J. H. TICKNOR, St. Paul's Church, Selma.
- " J. C. WADDILL, Deacon, Missionary in Choctaw County.
- " H. F. M. WHITESIDES, Jacksonville and Elyton.
- " J. A. WHELOCK, St. Stephen's Church, Eutaw, and St. Alban's Church, Gainesville.

Their names being called, the following Clergy were found to be in attendance :

Rt. Rev. N. H. COBBS, D. D.

Rev. J. M. BANISTER,

- " R. A. COBBS,
- " G. F. CUSHMAN,
- " C. A. DERBY,
- " F. R. HANSON,
- " J. F. JARRATT,
- " F. B. LEE,
- " H. F. M. WHITESIDES,

Rev. J. A. MASSEY,

- " J. M. MITCHELL,
- " R. D. NEVIUS,
- " S. U. SMITH,
- " WM. A. STICKNEY,
- " J. H. TICKNOR,
- " J. C. WADDILL.

The list of Parishes was then called, and Certificates of Election were presented and referred to a Committee upon Certificates of Election, consisting of Rev. Messrs. HANSON, LEE and STICKNEY.

The Committee upon Certificates of Election having examined the same, reported them in due form, to-wit:

Christ Church, Mobile.—Robert S. Bunker, Wm. K. Thurber, H. L. Reynolds, Daniel Fitler, H. A. Lowe.

Christ Church, Tuskaloosa.—Wm. H. Beatty, Alexander P. Hogan, Andrew S. Nicholson, J. M. Martin, T. F. Lee.

St. John's Church, Montgomery.—J. D. Phelan, S. G. Jones, Thomas Welch, A. R. Bell, W. C. Hollonquist.

St. Paul's Church, Greensboro'.—Isaac Croom, R. B. Waller, A. Ben-ners, J. G. Harvey, C. L. Stickney.

Church of the Holy Cross, Uniontown.—R. W. Nicholson, Edwin Shield, J. M. Langhorne.

St. Andrew's Church, Macon.—H. A. Tayloe, J. H. Dubose, Willis P. Bocock, W. W. Dugger, R. H. Dugger.

St. Paul's Church, Selma.—N. H. R. Dawson, J. Morgan, N. R. Philpot, A. G. Mabry, S. R. Blake.

St. Paul's Church, Carlowville.—H. L. Alison, J. D. Alison, Benjamin Reynolds, J. M. Lee, T. B. Lee.

St. Peter's Church, Lowndes County.—R. P. McCord, David McCord, John Adams.

St. David's Church, Dallas County.—A. W. Ellerbe.

St. Stephen's Church, Eutaw.—W. A. Rogers, Alex. Jarvis, W. F. Pierce.

Trinity Church, Mobile.—T. Lesesne, B. A. Whitaker, Robert Adams, Geo. F. Boone.

St. Wilfrid's Church, Marion.—Robert T. Jones, P. Lockett, Morris J. Waddill, Edward L. Stickney, Leonidas Walthall.

St. Michael's Church, Marengo County.—David Minge, K. C. Dubose, Richard Adams, G. W. H. Minge, W. W. Horton.

St. Mary's Church, Camden.—H. E. Custis, S. W. Mathews, J. F. Dortch, F. K. Beck, Thomas K. Beck.

Their names being called, the following Delegates were found to be in attendance :

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| Messrs. ROB'T S. BUNKER, | Messrs. C. L. STICKNEY, |
| ALEX. P. HOGAN, | W. W. DUGGER, |
| S. G. JONES, | R. P. MCCORD, |
| A. R. BELL, | A. W. ELLERBE, |
| W. C. HOLLONQUIST. | W. F. PIERCE, |
| EDWIN SHIELD. | |

A constitutional quorum being present, the President declared the Convention duly organized.

HENRY A. TAYLOE, though absent, was, on motion, unanimously chosen Secretary.

On motion, W. W. DUGGER was chosen Assistant Secretary.

On motion, *Resolved*, That any Clergyman of the Protestant Episcopal Church, not entitled to a seat, and Candidates for Orders, be invited to seats in the Convention, and report their names to the Secretary.

The Rev. T. S. MOTT, of the Diocese of North Carolina, and Messrs. W. R. WETMORE and A. F. DOBB, Candidates for Orders, reported their names and took seats in the Convention.

The Rt. Rev. President appointed the following Standing Committee on Finance :

A. W. ELLERBE, H. A. TAYLOE, S. G. JONES, W. F. PIERCE, J. A.

Lodor, C. L. Stickney, R. P. McCord, R. S. Bunker, W. P. Hammond, D. Minge, E. Shield, A. P. Hogan, S. R. Blake, R. M. Robertson, A. J. Henshaw.

On motion, the Convention adjourned until 9 o'clock to-morrow.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, SELMA, }
Friday, 9 o'clock A. M. }

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment. After Prayer by the President, the Roll was called, and the Minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

Rev. Messrs. Wm. M. Bartley, A. Menæos, J. J. Nicholson, W. J. Perdue and Wm. M. Steel, appeared and took their seats in Convention.

Messrs. Henry A. Tayloe, Willis P. Bocock, R. H. Dugger, N. R. Philpot, S. R. Blake and John D. Phelan appeared and took their seats in Convention.

Certificates of Election were presented from St. James' Church, Claiborne, St. Luke's Church, Cahaba, St. James' Church, Eufaula, St. John's Church, Mobile, Trinity Church, Demopolis.

The Committee upon Certificates of Election reported them in due form, and the following gentlemen entitled to seats:

St. James' Church, Claiborne.—A. J. Henshaw, J. C. Arthur, J. M. Agee.

St. Luke's Church, Cahaba.—C. C. Pegues, D. S. Troy, W. L. Saltmarsh, John A. Lodor, M. Troy.

St. James' Church, Eufaula.—James L. Pugh, John Cochrane, E. C. Bullock.

St. John's Church, Mobile.—W. P. Hammond, E. Jones, W. D. Prout, W. C. Miller.

Trinity Church, Demopolis.—N. B. Whitfield, D. F. Prout, W. E. Winn, R. M. Robertson.

Their names were called, and the following gentlemen answered and took their seats in Convention:

Messrs. A. J. HENSHAW,
J. C. ARTHUR,
C. C. PEGUES,
J. A. LODOR,
M. TROY,

Messrs. W. P. HAMMOND,
E. JONES,
W. D. PROUT,
W. C. MILLER,
R. M. ROBERTSON.

JAMES B. AVIRETT, Candidate for Orders, appeared and took a seat in Convention.

The President appointed the following Standing Committees:

Committee on Canons.—Rev. Messrs. R. A. COBBS, NEVIUS, and J. J. NICHOLSON, of the Clergy, and Messrs. PHELAN and E. JONES of the Laity.

Committee on the State of the Church.—Rev. Messrs. MASSEY, BANISTER, WHITESIDES, STEEL, and S. U. SMITH.

Committee on Unfinished Business.—Rev. Messrs. PERDUE, MENÆOS, and JARRATT.

An amendment was offered to section 1st, Canon 3d, and on motion referred to the Committee on Canons.

Parochial Reports were called for, and on motion the reading of them was dispensed with, and they were handed to the Bishop.

The Bishop then read his Annual Address.

BISHOP'S ADDRESS.

May 5, 6, 7, 8, 1859.—Attended the meeting of the Annual Convention of the Diocese at Cahaba. Of all the Conventions at which I have been present, this was the most numerously attended. On Sunday morning, five persons were confirmed. On the evening of that same day—Sunday, May 8th—I visited Selma, preached and confirmed five persons.

May 8th.—Admitted WILLIAM WETMORE a candidate for Holy Orders.

May 14th.—Visited St. Michael's, Marengo county, preached and confirmed two white and twenty-six colored persons; also baptized one white adult and two colored adults.

8d Sunday after Easter.—Visited Uniontown, preached twice, and confirmed one person.

May 17th.—Consecrated St. Peter's Church, Lowndes county, Rev. W. J. PERDUE, Rev. J. H. TICKNOR and the Rev. J. F. SMITH, being present and assisting in the services. At night, preached in Selma and confirmed two persons.

May 20th.—Visited Macon and preached.

May 21st.—Consecrated the Burying Ground attached to St. Andrew's Church, Macon, being assisted in the services by the Rev. Messrs. HANSON, BANISTER, R. A. COBBS, CUSHMAN and WADDILL. Also preached and confirmed two persons.

4th Sunday after Easter.—Visited Demopolis, preached twice, baptized one adult and three children, administered the communion and confirmed thirteen persons. I regret to say that this interesting Parish is still without a Rector.

May 24th.—Preached again in Demopolis and confirmed two persons, of whom one was a colored person. At night, preached to the servants of Mrs. MACRAE, and baptised eleven colored children. I was gratified to learn from Mrs. MACRAE, that it was her purpose to erect a Chapel for the special use of her servants.

May 28th.—Visited Newberne, in Greene county, preached, baptised four children, and confirmed one person. There is some prospect of having a House of Worship erected at this place.

May 29th.—Visited St. David's, Dallas, preached, confirmed two colored persons and administered the Communion. This small, but very interesting Parish, is now without a Rector.

June 2d.—Received from Bishop POLK, of Louisiana, notice of the deposition of ABEL NICHOLS, a Presbyterian.

Sunday after Ascension day.—Preached twice in Montgomery, confirmed three persons and administered the Communion.

June 10th.—Preached at Letohatchie, in Lowndes county, a Missionary Station on the Alabama and Florida Railroad.

Whitsunday.—Visited Greenville, Butler county, preached three times, confirmed one person, and administered the Communion. Here the Rev. Mr. JARRATT is endeavoring to have a Church erected.

June 16th.—Admitted A. F. DOEB and THOMAS J. BEARD Candidates for Holy Orders.

June 17th.—Visited Prattville, preached and confirmed six persons. Here is quite a good opening for the Church.

Trinity Sunday.—Visited Autaugaville, preached twice, confirmed two persons, and administered the Communion. Here, a Church is in progress of erection, and will soon be ready for Consecration.

June 24th.—Visited Newberne again, preached and confirmed two persons. At night, at the house of T. M. WALTHALL, in Perry county, lectured to the servants belonging to himself and his brother-in-law, L. N. WALTHALL, and confirmed twenty-one. I am gratified to state that the Messrs. WALTHALL have erected a chapel for the benefit of their servants.

1st Sunday after Trinity.—Preached in the morning at Uniontown, and in the afternoon at St. David's, and confirmed one white and one colored person.

June 29th.—Visited Greensboro' and preached.

July 1st.—Admitted JAMES B. AVERITT as a Candidate for Holy Orders.

2d Sunday after Trinity.—Preached twice in Montgomery.

July 4th.—Baptised two infants in Montgomery.

July 5th.—Officiated at a funeral in Montgomery.

3d Sunday after Trinity.—Preached twice in Montgomery.

July 13th.—Visited Lowndesboro', preached, and admitted the Rev. J. F. SMITH, Deacon, to Priest's Orders.

4th Sunday after Trinity.—Preached twice in Montgomery.

5th Sunday after Trinity.—Officiated in St. John's, Montgomery, my son, Rev. R. A. COBBS, preaching on the occasion.

6th Sunday after Trinity.—Preached in St. John's, Montgomery.

7th Sunday after Trinity.—Preached in St. John's, Montgomery.

August 12th.—Attended a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the University of the South, held at Beersheba, Springs, Tenn. This meeting was a most interesting and harmonious one. There is now every prospect that this important institution will be successfully established.

8th Sunday after Trinity.—Spent this day in Winchester, Tenn., with the Rev. Mr. MORRIS, who, for many years, was a most valuable Minister in this Diocese; preached twice, and, at the request of Bishop OREY, confirmed ten persons.

August 16th.—Confirmed, in private, a sick lady in Madison county, Ala.

August 17th.—Visited Huntsville, preached and confirmed three persons.

9th Sunday after Trinity.—Preached twice in St. John's Church, Montgomery.

August 27th.—Received GEO. M. EVERHART, late a Methodist Minister, as a Candidate for Holy Orders.

10th Sunday after Trinity.—Preached twice in St. John's Church, Montgomery.
September 1st.—Admitted FREDERICK E. DUGGER as a Candidate for Holy Orders.

September 3d.—Confirmed in St. John's, Montgomery, one person, belonging to St. Matthew's, Antaugaville.

September 9th.—Received from Bishop SMITH, of Kentucky, notice of the deposition of LOUIS JANSEN, a Presbyter.

12th Sunday after Trinity.—Preached twice in St. John's, Montgomery.

13th Sunday after Trinity.—Preached twice in St. John's Church, Montgomery.

14th Sunday after Trinity.—Being on my way to the meeting of the General Convention in Richmond, Va., I preached twice in Lynchburg, Va.

September 29th.—Visited my old Parish, Russell, Bedford county, and preached in Trinity Church. It was very grateful to my feelings to receive the warm greetings of my friends and former parishioners.

15th Sunday after Trinity.—Visited Liberty, Bedford county; preached twice in St. John's Church, Heber Parish; one of the discourses being on the occasion of the death of Mrs. OTY, the venerated mother of my honored friend, the Bishop of Tennessee.

October 5th.—Attended the General Convention in Richmond, Va. This Convention was most harmonious in its deliberations, and indicated that there was increased energy in the Church in these United States. Especially was an impulse given to the great cause of Missions.

16th Sunday after Trinity.—Visited Petersburg, Va., and preached in St. Paul's Church in the morning and in Grace Church in the afternoon. It was a great comfort to me to mingle again with my former parishioners, and to find that they had the same kind and loving hearts as when I resided amongst them.

October 13th.—Preached in the Monumental Church, Richmond, Va. This Church I can never enter without solemn reflections—it being the Church in which I received Priest's Orders, at the hands of that holy and apostolic man, Rt. Rev. R. C. MOORE, Bishop of Virginia.

October 14th.—Preached in the building occupied by Emanuel Church, in the neighborhood of Richmond.

17th Sunday after Trinity.—Preached in Grace Church, Richmond. This is a new and neat Church, erected through the zeal and energy of the Rev. F. M. BAKER, formerly a Clergyman of this Diocese.

October 17th.—Preached in St. John's Church, Richmond, Va. This is one of the most interesting Churches in the State on account of its historical associations.

October 18th.—Assisted in the Consecration of the Rev. H. B. WHIPPLE, D. D., as Bishop of Minnesota.

October 19th.—Baptised three infant children in Richmond, Va.

18th Sunday after Trinity.—Assisted in the Consecration of the Rev. H. C. LAY, D. D., as Missionary Bishop of the Southwest.

October 25th.—Received JOHN Y. GHOLSON, a Candidate for Holy Orders, by transfer from the Bishop of Virginia.

19th Sunday after Trinity.—In the morning preached in St. Stephens' Church, Bedford County, Va., and at night in St. Paul's Church, Lynchburg, Va., on which occasion, at the very particular request of the Rector, I confirmed three persons.

20th Sunday after Trinity.—In St. John's Church, Montgomery, confirmed one—person.

21st Sunday after Trinity.—Officiated in St. John's Church, Montgomery.

22d Sunday after Trinity.—Visited Tuscaloosa, preached a number of times, confirmed fourteen whites and one colored person, and baptised an infant. The Offertory system is working well in this Parish.

1st Sunday in Advent.—Visited Eutaw, preached twice, confirmed one person, and administered the Holy Communion.

November 30th.—Preached in St. Paul's Church, Greensboro'.

2d Sunday in Advent.—Visited Uniontown, preached and administered the Holy Communion.

December 7th.—Confirmed in private two persons residing in Lowndes county, near the Alabama and Florida Railroad.

3d Sunday in Advent.—Preached in St. John's Church, Montgomery.

Christmas Day.—Preached in St. John's Church, Montgomery.

January 11th, 1860.—Visited Eufaula and preached once.

January 12th.—Visited Clayton, the county town of Barbour, preached several times and confirmed two persons. Here there is a good prospect of having a Church built.

Sunday, January 15th.—Preached several times in St. James', Eufaula, and confirmed four persons.

January 16th.—Preached in the Chapel to the negroes belonging to Col. TURNER and baptised eleven colored children.

January 18th.—In Trinity Church, Columbus, Geo., ordained WILLIAM M. BARTLEY to the Diaconate. The sermon was by the Rev. Mr. STEEL, who also presented the Candidate. The Rev. Mr. BARTLEY has taken charge of the Mission at Tuskegee and Tallassee.

January 20th.—Received the Rev. J. S. SHIPMAN into this Diocese, by letters dismissory from Bishop DeLANCEY, and the Rev. J. A. WHEKLOCK, by letters dismissory from Bishop OTEY.

January 24th.—In St. Johns', Montgomery, baptised and confirmed one person belonging to Christ Church, Tuscaloosa.

January 28th.—Visited Huntsville and preached.

Sunday, January 29th.—Consecrated the new Church of the Nativity, Huntsville, assisted by the Rt. Rev. Bishop LAY, and the Rev. Messrs. ROBERTSON, WHITESIDES, and R. H. COBBS, and the Rev. Mr. MORRIS, of Tenn. A most appropriate sermon was preached by Bishop LAY. This is one of the most beautiful churches in the Southwest, and is a monument of the zeal, the liberality, the energy and the taste of the congregation.

January 30th.—In the Church of the Nativity, Huntsville, admitted my son, the Rev. R. H. COBBS, to the Holy Order of Priests. The candidate was presented by the Rev. Mr. ROBERTSON. The sermon was by myself.

February 1st.—Visited Tuscumbia and Florence, but owing to the inclemency of the weather was unable to hold any services.

February 2d.—In the Church of the Nativity, Huntsville, married Miss MARIA WITHERS to the Rev. A. MENÆOS.

Sunday, February 5th.—Officiated in St. John's Church, Montgomery. From this time to the 18th of February, I was confined to my house by indisposition, and

thus prevented from attending a most important meeting of the Trustees of the University of the South, held at New Orleans on the 9th of this month.

Quinquagesima Sunday, February 19th.—Preached in St. Paul's Church, Selma, and admitted JOHN Y. GHOLSON to Deacon's Orders. The Candidate was presented by the Rev. J. H. TICKNOR.

1st Sunday in Lent.—Preached in St. John's Church, Montgomery.

February 28th.—Granted letters dismissory to the Rev. B. B. LEACOCK, transferring him to the Diocese of Pennsylvania.

March 3d.—Preached at "County Line," Dallas county, confirmed two persons, and baptised an infant.

2d Sunday in Lent.—Visited Carlowville, preached and administered the Holy Communion, assisted by the Rector.

3d Sunday in Lent.—Preached twice in St. John's Church, Montgomery.

March 11th.—Granted letters dismissory to the Rev. W. D. HARLOW, transferring him to the Diocese of Tennessee.

March 16th.—In St. John's Church, Montgomery, admitted GEO. M. EVERHART to the Holy Order of Deacons. The sermon was by the Rev. Mr. CUSHMAN, and the Candidate was presented by the Rev. Mr. MITCHELL.

4th Sunday in Lent.—Visited Tuskegee and officiated twice. This is an important and a growing town, and I am very anxious to see the Church established here.

March 20th.—Visited Opelika, preached, baptised two infants and confirmed two persons. Here efforts are making, with every prospect of success, for the erection of a Church.

March 21st.—Baptised an infant, in private, near Opelika, and in the afternoon of the same day, confirmed four colored persons at the residence of Judge ECHOLS, near Columbus, Geo.

5th Saturday and Sunday in Lent.—Visited Camden, Wilcox county, preached three times, administered the Holy Communion and confirmed four persons, one of whom was a colored person.

March 28th.—Preached in St. Paul's, Lowndesboro', and confirmed one colored person.

March 29th.—Preached in St. Peter's Church, Lowndes county.

March 31st.—Visited Demopolis and preached once.

6th Sunday in Lent.—Visited Livingston, preached three times, confirmed three persons and administered the Communion.

April 2d and 3d.—Visited Gainesville, preached twice and confirmed two persons. Under the energetic labors of the Rev. Mr. WHELOCK, there is a good prospect that a Church will be built up here.

April 4th.—Visited St. Mark's, Greene county, and preached.

April 5th.—Visited Eutaw, preached and confirmed one person.

Good Friday.—Visited Greensboro', preached twice and confirmed two persons.

Easter Even.—Visited Newberne, in Greene county, and preached.

Easter Sunday.—Preached twice in St. Andrew's Church, Macon, administered the Communion and confirmed two whites and ten colored persons.

Easter Monday.—Consecrated St. Michael's Church, Marengo county, assisted by the Rev. Messrs. HANSON, BANISTER, R. A. COBBS and GHOLSON. Also, baptised an adult, preached, confirmed two whites and four colored persons, and administered the Holy Communion.

Easter Tuesday.—Preached in St. David's Church, Dallas county.

April 11th.—Preached in the Church of the Holy Cross, Uniontown, and baptised a child.

April 14th.—Visited Salem, Russell county, preached and confirmed three persons.

1st Sunday after Easter.—Preached in St. John's Church, Montgomery, and confirmed six persons.

April 19th.—Visited Claiborne, preached and confirmed four persons. Here is a good opening for the Church, and I have no doubt that a House of Worship will soon be erected.

April 20th.—Confirmed two persons in private in Baldwin county.

2d Sunday after Easter.—Spent this day in Mobile. In the morning, preached at Summerville to the Congregation of St. Mary's, their House of Worship being then in the carpenter's hands for repairs. In the afternoon, preached in the Academy of the Rev. J. J. NICHOLSON, at Spring Hill, and confirmed one person. At Spring Hill, a new and neat Church is nearly completed, being the second Church in the Diocese which owes its origin to the zeal and energy of the Rev. J. J. NICHOLSON. At night, preached in the Church of the Good Shepherd, and confirmed nine colored persons.

April 24th.—Confirmed two sick persons in private—one belonging to Trinity and the other to St. John's Church, Mobile.

April 25th and 26th.—Visited Choctaw county and preached at Pushmataha. Here a new and very neat Church has been erected, and is now nearly ready for consecration.

3d Sunday after Easter.—Again visited Mobile, preached in the morning in Christ Church and confirmed twenty-seven persons, one of whom was a colored person belonging to the Church of the Good Shepherd. In the afternoon, preached in St. John's Church and confirmed thirty-two persons, of whom one belonged to St. Paul's, Spring Hill, and two were colored. This parish is so much improving that it has been found necessary a second time to enlarge the church building. At night, preached in Trinity Church and confirmed twenty-five persons. On Monday morning I baptised a sick infant in private. I have never seen the Church in Mobile in a more flourishing condition. There will soon be an urgent necessity for the formation of a new Parish in the city.

May 2d.—Visited Cahaba and preached at night in St. Luke's Church.

The changes that have taken place among the Clergy are the following: The Rev. B. B. LEACOCK has been transferred to Pennsylvania. The Rev. W. D. HARLOW has been transferred to Tennessee. Rev. J. S. SHIPMAN has been received from Western New York. The Rev. Mr. WHEELOCK has been received from Tennessee. The Rev. Mr. CHRISTIAN has left Jacksonville and is now in charge of the colored congregation of the Good Shepherd, in Mobile. The Rev. Mr. WHITESIDES has resigned his charge in Tusculum. The Rev. Mr. MENEOS has left Choctaw and is now officiating in Claiborne, Monroe county. The Rev. Mr. WADDILL has removed from Marengo, and is officiating at Pushmataha, Butler, and Mt. Sterling in Choctaw. The Rev. Mr. GHOLSON has taken charge of St. Michael's Church, Marengo, and the Rev. Mr. BARTLEY is acting as Missionary at Tuskegee and Tallassee. The Rt. Rev. H. C. LAY, for many years the faithful and efficient Rector of the Church of the Nativity, Huntsville, has been appointed Missionary Bishop of the Southwest.

The removal of this Brother is a loss, not only to the Church in Huntsville, but to the Diocese of Alabama. But while we shall sensibly feel his loss, especially in our conventional meetings, we cannot but be gratified that he is elevated to a position suited to his eminent talents, and I am sure he will carry with him the best wishes of every member of the Church in Alabama.

There are now in the Diocese nine Candidates for Holy Orders. One of our Candidates of the last year, now the Rev. DUDLEY SMITH, was ordained by Bishop Boone of the Chinese Mission, and is now a Missionary in China.

I herewith submit to the Convention, as part of my report, the account of the Treasurer of our Diocesan Missionary Fund, for the purpose of having it inserted in the Journal of our proceedings, so that the members of the Church may know the sums contributed by the several Parishes, as also the manner in which the money has been appropriated under the direction of the Bishop. From this report it will be seen that \$1301 90 have been received during the past year. Although this is a larger amount than has been contributed in any former year, yet it is obvious that the Bishop can do but little toward strengthening weak Parishes and occupying new stations till a much greater sum is placed at his disposal. This subject of providing for Missions in the Diocese, I earnestly commend to the attention of the Convention, as one of primary importance to the best interests of the Diocese.

In reviewing my labors for the past year, I find that I have preached one hundred and forty sermons and delivered a number of addresses; have confirmed two hundred and eighty-nine persons; have consecrated three Churches and one Burying Ground; have Ordained two Priests and three Deacons; have baptised eight adults and thirty infants; have officiated at five funerals and have solemnized three marriages. Of the confirmations, eighty-four were of colored persons, a larger number than I have ever confirmed before in one year, of that class of our population. This, I trust, is but the beginning of a great and good work of the Church amongst a people that have such strong claims on our Christian sympathies and efforts. I am much gratified and encouraged by the increased interest manifested by masters and mistresses in the religious improvement of their servants. If proper efforts are made on the part of the Clergy and Laity, the time is not far distant when the Bishop of the Diocese will be able to report to each Annual Convention the confirmation of hundreds of the colored population. The duty of affording to our servants the benefits of the Gospel and the Church is so obvious, so imperative, and so stringent, that it must be recognized and felt by all who believe the truth and act under the sanction of the Gospel.

As an indication of the strength of the Diocese, I would remark that there are now within our borders one thousand six hundred and fifty white and two hundred and fourteen colored communicants. Of these communicants, all are not embraced within the limits of organized Parishes—many of them being thinly scattered over a large surface through the different counties in the State.

N. H. COBBS,

✓ Bishop Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Alabama.

On motion, the Address was referred to the Committee on the State of the Church.

On motion, *Resolved*, That a Special Committee of three Clergymen and two Laymen be appointed by the Bishop. to whom the subject of

Diocesan Missions referred to in the Bishop's Address, together with the Treasurer's report, be referred.

Whereupon, the Bishop appointed the following Committee: Rev. G. F. CUSHMAN, Rev. J. M. MITCHELL, Rev. H. N. PIERCE, of the Clergy, and Messrs. R. S. BUNKER and A. R. BELL, of the Laity.

The Convention took a recess for Divine Service.

After Divine Service, the Convention was called to order by the President.

On motion, the Convention proceeded to the election of the Standing Committee by ballot.

The Rev. Messrs. J. Y. GHOLSON and J. C. WADDILL were appointed Tellers.

After counting the ballots, the Rev. Messrs. J. M. MITCHELL, G. F. CUSHMAN and J. H. TICKNOR, of the Clergy, and Messrs. A. R. BELL, S. G. JONES and M. J. CONLEY, of the Laity, were declared elected members of the Standing Committee for the ensuing year.

On motion, the election of Delegates to the General Convention was postponed.

On motion, the Convention proceeded to the election of Trustees for the University of the South, by ballot.

Rev. Messrs. J. Y. GHOLSON and J. C. WADDILL were appointed Tellers.

After counting the ballots, the Rev. J. M. MITCHELL, and Messrs. C. T. POLLARD and L. H. ANDERSON were declared duly elected Trustees for the University of the South.

A. R. BELL was nominated and elected Treasurer of the University of the South, for the Diocese of Alabama.

On motion, the Convention proceeded to the election of a Trustee of the Diocesan Female Seminary.

T. B. TAYLOR was re-nominated and elected Trustee of the Diocesan Female Seminary.

On motion, the Convention adjourned until 5 o'clock P. M.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, SELMA, }
Friday, 5 o'clock P. M. }

The President called the Convention to Order.

On motion, the Convention proceeded to the election of Trustees of the Bishop's Fund.

Messrs. A. W. ELLERBE, S. G. JONES and H. L. ALISON were nominated and re-elected Trustees of the Bishop's Fund for the ensuing year.

T. W. McCoy, Esq., was re-nominated and elected Treasurer of the Diocesan Missionary Society.

The President retired, and called the Rev. F. R. HANSON to the chair.

The Finance Committee made the following report :

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The Committee have examined the accounts of the Treasurer of the Convention, and find them correct and entirely satisfactory.

Resolved, That the Bishop's salary be increased to three thousand dollars, and to provide for the payment of the same that the following assessments be made upon the Parishes, and eight per cent. upon the assessments, excepting St. John's in the Wilderness, for Contingent Fund.

| | Bishop's Salary. | Contingent Fund. |
|--------------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Christ Church, Mobile | \$620 00 | \$49 60 |
| Christ Church, Tuscaloosa | 250 00 | 20 00 |
| St. John's Church, Montgomery | 400 00 | 32 00 |
| St. Paul's Church, Greensboro' | 190 00 | 15 20 |
| Church of the Holy Cross, Uniontown | 100 00 | 8 00 |
| St. Andrew's Church, Macon | 68 00 | 5 44 |
| St. Paul's Church, Selma | 150 00 | 12 00 |
| St. James' Church, Livingston | 40 00 | 3 20 |
| Church of the Nativity, Huntsville | 210 00 | 16 80 |
| St. Paul's Church, Carlowville | 50 00 | 4 00 |
| St. Peter's Church, Lowndes county | 40 00 | 3 20 |
| St. John's Church, Tuscumbia | 25 00 | 2 00 |
| St. Luke's Church, Cahaba | 75 00 | 6 00 |
| St. David's Church, Dallas county | 100 00 | 8 00 |
| Trinity Church, Demopolis | 75 00 | 6 00 |
| St. John's Church, in the Wilderness | 24 00 | 0 00 |
| St. James' Church, Eufaula | 35 00 | 2 80 |
| St. Stephen's Church, Eutaw | 50 00 | 4 00 |
| Trinity Church, Mobile | 200 00 | 16 00 |
| St. Mark's Church, Greene county | 40 00 | 3 20 |
| St. Wilfred's Church, Marion | 60 00 | 4 80 |
| St. Luke's Church, Jacksonville | 25 00 | 2 00 |
| St. John's Church, Elyton | 10 00 | 80 |
| St. Michael's Church, Marengo | 62 00 | 4 96 |
| Trinity Church, Florence | 50 00 | 4 00 |
| St. John's Church, Mobile | 100 00 | 8 00 |
| St. Mary's Church, Camden | 40 00 | 3 20 |
| Grace Church, St. Stephen's | 15 00 | 1 20 |
| St. Paul's Church, Lowndesboro' | 20 00 | 1 60 |
| St. Mary's Church, Mobile | 25 00 | 2 00 |
| St. Alban's Church, Gainesville | 30 00 | 2 40 |
| St. John's Church, Madison county | 20 00 | 1 60 |
| Calvary Church, Choctaw county | 10 00 | 80 |
| St. James' Church, Claiborne | 10 00 | 80 |
| St. Paul's Church, Mobile | 25 00 | 2 00 |
| St. Mathew's Church, Autaugaville | 10 00 | 80 |
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| | \$8,254 00 | \$248 40 |

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the Bishop's Fund transfer the sum of five hundred dollars from the Permanent Fund to the Special Fund, to be placed to the credit of Christ Church, Tuscaloosa.

Resolved, That the Trustees of the Bishop's Fund be *positively* instructed to collect all the notes of contributors to the Fund now due.

A. W. ELLERBE, Chairman.

NOTE.—The Chairman remarked that the two oldest Parishes in the Diocese, "Christ Church, Mobile," and "Christ Church, Tuscaloosa," through their Vestries, directed their Delegates to move for an increase of the Bishop's salary.

BISHOP'S FUND in account with HENRY A. TAYLOR, Treasurer.

| | | Dr. | Cr. |
|-----------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|------------|
| 1850.—May | 1.—By Balance..... | | \$150 35 |
| " | 5.—By Cash received at Convention (see abstract)..... | | 2,640 25 |
| " | 5.—By Cash received of St. James' Church, Eufaula, assessment of 1857..... | | 25 00 |
| " | 7.—To Cash paid Rt. Rev. N. H. Cobbs..... | \$2,475 00 | |
| " | 7.—To Cash paid A. W. Ellerbe..... | 251 00 | |
| June | 9.—By St. Mary's Church, Mobile..... | | 10 00 |
| " | 11.—By Trinity Church, Florence..... | | 8 75 |
| | To Balance..... | 108 35 | |
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| | | \$2,834 35 | \$2,834 35 |
| 1860.—May | 1.—By Balance..... | | \$108 35 |

Rt. Rev. N. H. COBBS,

In account with the DIOCESE OF ALABAMA.

| | | Dr. | Cr. |
|-----------|--------------------|------------|------------|
| 1859.—May | 1.—To Balance..... | \$25 00 | |
| " | 1.—By Salary..... | | \$2,500 00 |
| " | 7.—To Cash..... | \$2,475 00 | |
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| | | \$2,500 00 | \$2,500 00 |

CONTINGENT FUND in account with HENRY A. TAYLOR, Treasurer.

| | | Dr. | Cr. |
|-----------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| 1859.—May | 1.—By Balance | | \$74 12 |
| " | 7.—By Cash received at Convention (see abstract) | | 181 05 |
| " | 7.—By St. Wilfrid's Church, assessments of 1857 and 1858..... | | 6 80 |
| " | 7.—By St. James' Church, Eufaula, assessments of 1857 and 1858 | | 8 00 |
| " | 7.—By St. Paul's Church, Selma, assessments of 1855, 1856, 1857 and 1858..... | | 32 00 |
| " | 7.—To claim of H. A. Tayloe..... | 13 25 | |
| " | 7.—To Cash paid Standing Committee..... | 8 00 | |
| " | 7.—To Cash paid Messrs Farrow & Dennett..... | 125 00 | |
| June | 9.—By St. Mary's Church, Mobile... .. | 80 | |
| " | 9.—By St. Paul's Church, Spring Hill..... | 80 | 1 60 |
| " | 11.—By Trinity Church, Florence..... | \$4 25 | |
| " | 11.—By St. Andrew's Church, Macon | \$5 44 | 9 69 |
| " | 28.—By Trinity Church, Mobile..... | | 14 00 |
| " | 28.—To Cash paid Messrs. Farrow & Dennett, for printing and distributing Journals | 144 50 | |
| July 23. | —By St. John's Church, in the Wilderness..... | | 10 88 |
| Aug. 17. | —To Cash paid Herman Cope, Esq., Treasurer of the General Convention..... | 62 75 | |
| 1860.—May | 1.—To Balance..... | | 15 36 |
| | | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | | \$353 50 | \$353 50 |
| 1860.—May | 1.—To balance | | \$15 36 |

On motion, it was amended by adding the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Trustees of the Bishop's Fund be *positively* instructed to collect all the notes of contributors to the Fund now due.

On motion, the report and accompanying resolutions were adopted.

The Treasurer of the Bishop's Fund made the following report :

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE BISHOP'S FUND.

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|-------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| PERMANENT FUND.—This Fund, at the last Convention, amounted to... | \$3,534 25 |
| Surplus, after paying Bishop's salary..... | 251 00 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$3,785 25 |
| Twelve month's interest | 802 82 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$4,088 07 |
| Deduct, paid to Tuscaloosa Parish..... | 40 00 |
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| | \$4,048 07 |

SPECIAL FUND.—There has been no increase in this Fund since the last report, when it amounted to \$23,061 80, the interest of which is appropriated, as usual, to the payment of the Bishop's salary.

These funds consist of \$3,296 48 invested in bonds of the Mobile and Ohio Railroad, \$2,650 00 in bonds of the Alabama and Mississippi Rivers Railroad, reported at the last Convention, and of \$1,000 00 invested since last report in the bonds of the Alabama and Florida Railroad, together with the outstanding notes of original contributors and the notes of a few persons to whom money has been loaned.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. W. ELLERBE, Treasurer.

Rev. GEO. F. CUSHMAN, Secretary of the Standing Committee, made the following report :

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

The Standing Committee beg leave respectfully to report, that they were duly organized by the election of Rev. J. M. MITCHELL as President, and of Rev. GEO. F. CUSHMAN, Secretary.

They have had during the year seven sessions, at which they signed the canonical testimonials of Rev. JAS. F. SMITH, Rev. W. D. CHRISTIAN and Rev. R. H. COMBS, applying to be admitted to the Sacred Order of Priests. They have also signed the testimonials of Messrs. W. M. BARTLEY, J. Y. GHOLSON and G. M. EVERHART, the latter late a Minister in the Methodist Episcopal Communion, applying to be admitted to the Sacred Order of Deacons. They have also recommended Messrs. W. R. WETMORE, T. J. BEARD, A. F. DOBB, G. M. EVERHART, J. B. AVERETT, and F. E. DRUGER, to the Bishop, to be admitted Candidates for Holy Orders.

All of which, by order of the Committee, is respectfully submitted.

GEO. F. CUSHMAN, Secretary.

R. W. NICHOLSON and R. T. JONES appeared and took their seats in Convention.

On motion, *Resolved*, That after the 1st day of January next, the semi-annual interest accruing on the securities now in the hands of the Trustees of the Bishop's Fund, or any they may hereafter obtain, be paid to the Bishop on the 1st day of January and July of each year, taking his receipt for amount paid on account.

The following resolution was presented :

Resolved, That the next Convention of this Diocese be held in Trinity Church, Mobile, on the 1st Thursday in May, 1861.

A motion was made to strike out the words "Trinity Church, Mobile," and insert the words "St. Stephen's Church, Eutaw."

The amendment was adopted, and then the resolution as amended was adopted.

The Committee on Canons made the following report :

The Committee on Canons having had under consideration the proposed amendment to Section 1st, Canon 3, have instructed me to report the following resolution :
Resolved, That it is inexpedient to make the proposed alteration.

R. A. COBBS, Chairman.

The report was received and resolution adopted.

The Committee on Unfinished Business made the following report :

The Committee on Unfinished Business respectfully report, they have attended to the duties assigned, and find nothing on the last Journal referred to this Convention for its action.

W. J. PERDUE, Chairman.

Report received and Committee discharged.

On motion, the Convention adjourned until 9 o'clock to-morrow.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, SELMA, ALA. }
Saturday, 9 o'clock A. M. }

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment. After Prayer by the President, the Minutes of yesterday were read, and after some amendments, were adopted.

An application for admission into the Union was presented from Trinity Church, Opelika.

Referred to a Committee upon the Admission of New Parishes, consisting of Rev. Messrs. NEVIUS, PERDUE and Mr. W. F. PIERCE.

Rev. W. A. STICKNEY was nominated and elected a member of the "Court for the Trial of Clergymen," in the place of the Rt. Rev. H. C. LAY, D. D., removed.

The Committee on the State of the Church made a report, which, on motion, was recommitted.

Rev. J. H. TICKNOR and Rev. F. B. LEE were appointed upon the Committee upon the State of the Church, in place of Rev. J. A. MASSEY and Rev. J. M. BANISTER.

E. L. STICKNEY appeared and took his seat in Convention.

F. E. DUGGER, a Candidate for Orders, appeared and took his seat in Convention.

The Committee upon the Admission of New Parishes reported the following resolution :

Resolved, That Trinity Church, Opelika, Russell county, be admitted into union with this Convention.

On motion, the resolution was adopted and Committee discharged.

The Rev. GEO. F. CUSHMAN presented the following report :

The Committee to which was referred the subject of Diocesan Missions, together with the Treasurer's accounts, beg leave to submit the following report :

The Treasurer acknowledges the receipt of \$1,301 90, over and above the balance which he held at the close of the last Convention. The Committee understand that several of the Parishes have not yet forwarded their contributions, and the actual sums raised by the Diocese during the year may be set down at \$1500.

The Committee are persuaded that this sum, while it is a very large advance upon all preceding years, is by no means commensurate with the great importance of the object or with the ability of the Diocese. The Church in Alabama, if it is to be extended, must depend mainly upon her own resources. A large and wealthy State like ours, upon which God has bestowed such measures of prosperity, cannot rightly be dependant upon the general treasury of the Church. She should rather contribute to enlarge than to diminish her charitable funds. There are other more necessitous fields amply sufficient to exhaust her resources. Hitherto the Church has helped us with lavish hand, and the time has come when we must help ourselves. Truly may it be said to us: freely ye have received, freely give.

The Committee cannot but believe that two causes have mainly combined to produce the deficient contributions of the last year—the want of due reflection upon the subject by the Laity and the want of some definite standard or guide by which to measure the amount they should give. Another year, they trust, will remove the first of these causes, and they believe that the resolution about to be proposed will do away with the second. The Committee have a high sense of the liberality of the Laity—they believe that they have but to know their duty in order faithfully to perform it. The resolution of last year, as applied to individual Parishes was indefinite and general, and failed of its intended effect—instead of \$5000 we have \$1500. Perhaps the sum proposed was larger than could have reasonably been expected to be raised. The Committee have, therefore, determined to advise the diminution of the sum and the adoption of a more specific estimate for the several Parishes. They are aware that the Convention has no authority to assess upon the Parishes the amount of their charities, but they believe the recommendation of the Convention, endorsed by the Bishop, will have great weight with the Laity of the Diocese. The Committee do, therefore, advise that the Parishes contribute to Diocesan Missions, as a minimum, 75 per cent. upon the assessment for the Bishop's salary, a sum which they regard as every way too small, were it not for the fact that it is a minimum. They hope the contributions will largely exceed that sum. Before, however, offering the necessary resolution, they trust to be excused if they make a remark upon a point germane to the general subject. The Committee believe that the disbursement of the missionary funds is settled upon the right basis—it is where it ought to be, in the hands of the Bishop. They have no wish, even in thought, to trench upon his province, and yet they cannot forbear to say that they would rejoice if the Bishop would appoint some meet person to act as a quasi-chaplain to himself—to accompany him in his laborious travels through the Diocese—to officiate at such points and times as the Bishop in the exercise of his discretion might direct. They believe it would do something to lighten the severe toil of the Bishop, and would be productive of much good to the Diocese at large. It would be a step towards a consummation to be wished—the employment of a general Missionary; and they feel sure that it would meet the hearty concurrence of all who wish well to the Church.

The Committee trust to be excused for the length of their report. They leave many suggestions which were before them untouched. The subject is of the greatest importance—upon our missions our future prosperity depends.

The Committee offer the following resolution :

Resolved, That it be recommended to the several Parishes to raise for the Diocesan Missions, as a minimum of their contributions, 75 per cent. upon the sums respectively assessed upon them for the salary of the Bishop.

All of which, by order of the Committee, is respectfully submitted.

GEO. F. CUSHMAN, Chairman.

On motion, the Convention took a recess for Divine Service.

After Divine Service, the Convention was called to order by the President.

The following substitute was presented for the resolution of the Committee :

Resolved, That although the amount raised during the past year for Diocesan Missions has not come up to the wishes and wants of the Church, yet in the result as compared with former years, and in the liberal contributions of some of the Parishes, the Convention sees reason to hope for increased success each year ; and in that hope recommends that exertions be continued till the amount be reached designated by the Convention last year.

On motion, the Convention adjourned until 4 o'clock P. M.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, SELMA, }
Saturday, 4 o'clock P. M. }

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

The order of the day was taken up. The resolution and substitute were read.

On motion, the substitute was adopted.

On motion, the report of the Select Committee upon Diocesan Missions was laid upon the table.

The Committee on the State of the Church made the following report ; concurred in.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCH.

The Committee on the State of the Church beg leave to report—

It, in common with the whole Convention, has listened with great gratification to the evidence of the steadily increasing prosperity of the Church in this Diocese, as furnished by the report of the official acts of the Bishop during the past year. He has been, since the last Convention, more abundant in labors than during any previous year of his Episcopate, and so great is the willingness, and, in many cases, strong desire to receive the ministrations of the Church, through the entire Diocese, that it may be truly said the only obstacle to its growth is the want of Ministers. The Bishop has confirmed a much larger number during the past year than any previous one, especially among the colored people of the Diocese. This class of our people, your Committee is glad to see, during each succeeding year receiving constantly increasing attention from Ministers and owners. Numerous Chapels for their accommodation have been already erected, and many planters intend to follow the good example. It rejoices greatly in this part of the Church-work, and believes with the Bishop, that the day is not far distant when many *hundreds* will be added to the Church every year.

So far as the Parishes have been heard from, they report but a small increase in the number of communicants. This may seem to some a want of substantial growth in the Church ; but it is probably better accounted for by the fact that a large proportion of the confirmations have taken place at so late a date that no

opportunity has yet been afforded for the persons confirmed to come to the Supper of the Lord.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

STEPHEN U. SMITH, Chairman.

On motion, *unanimously Resolved*, That the thanks of this Convention be tendered to the citizens of Selma for their hospitality.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Treasurer pay the Sexton of St. Paul's Church five dollars.

On motion, ordered that the Secretary have printed 700 copies of the Journal, with Rules of Order.

After Prayer and Benediction by the Bishop, the Convention adjourned *sine die*.

N. H. COBBS, President.

HENRY A. TAYLOR, Secretary.

W. W. DUGGER, Assistant Secretary.



The following Parishes owe their assessments, and will oblige the Treasurer by an early remittance:

| | Bishop's Fund. | Contingent Fund. |
|------------------------------------------|----------------|------------------|
| Church of the Nativity, Huntsville..... | \$148 41 | \$16 80 |
| Grace Church, St. Stephens | 15 00 | 1 20 |
| St. Mary's Church, Mobile..... | | 1 20 |
| St. Alban's Church, Gainesville | | 2 40 |
| St. John's Church, Tuscumbia..... | 46 80 | 4 00 |
| Trinity Church, Florence..... | 31 75 | 3 75 |
| St. John's Church, Elyton..... | | 4 80 |
| St. John's Church, Madison county..... | 32 00 | 4 80 |
| Calvary Church, Pushmataha..... | | 80 |
| St. Paul's Church, Mobile county..... | | 1 20 |
| St. Matthew's Church, Autaugaville | 10 00 | 80 |
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| | \$278 96 | \$41 75 |

REPORT OF TREASURER OF DIOCESAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

THOMAS W. MCCOY, *Treasurer,*

In account with Diocesan Missionary Society of Alabama.

| 1859. | DR. | |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|------------|
| May 3.—To Balance reported to Convention..... | | \$627 66 |
| May 10.—Received of Rev. H. N. Pierce, St. John's, Mobile, | | 20 00 |
| May 12.—Received of Bishop Cobbs, collected at Convention, | | 67 00 |
| May 13.—Received of Bishop Cobbs, by Mr. Mitchell: con- tribution of Mr. Walkington, \$50 00, and of a Lady \$5 00..... | | 55 00 |
| June 11.—Received of Bishop Cobbs, from Church at De- mopolis..... | | 18 55 |
| June 21.—Received of Rev. H. N. Pierce, St. John's, Mobile, | | 25 00 |
| June 23.—Received of Rev. J. M. Mitchell, collections, viz: collection St. Paul's Church, Greensboro', \$150 00; from three Ladies of Dallas county \$30 00..... | | 180 00 |
| July —Received of Rev. H. N. Pierce, St. John's Church, Mobile..... | | 10 00 |
| Sept'r 12.—Received of Rev. H. N. Pierce, St. John's Church, Mobile..... | | 10 00 |
| Oct'r 10.—Received of Rev. H. N. Pierce, St. John's Church, Mobile..... | | 11 25 |
| Dec'r 10.—Received of J. M. Mitchell, for St. Paul's, Selma.. | | 30 00 |
| Dec'r 12.—Received of Rev. R. D. Nevius, Christ Church, Tuscaloosa..... | | 25 00 |
| Dec'r 12.—Received of Rev. R. D. Nevius, St. Stephen's, Eu- taw..... | | 12 00 |
| Dec'r 31.—Received of Rev. R. D. Nevius, Christ Church, Tuscaloosa..... | | 60 00 |
| 1860. | | |
| Jan'y 19.—Received of Rev. J. S. Shipman, Christ Church, Mobile..... | | 71 15 |
| March 8.—Received of Rev. J. M. Mitchell, St. John's, Mont- gomery..... | | 200 00 |
| Mar'h 17.—Received of H. A. Tayloe, Esq., viz: Do- nation of Mrs. E. B. Turner, Co- lumbus, Geo..... | \$25 00 | |
| Collection by St. Luke's, Cahaba, 75 00 | | |
| Collection by St. Andrew's, Macon, 52 35 | | 152 35 |
| April 6.—Received of Rev. S. U. Smith, St. James', Living- ston..... | | 12 15 |
| April 6.—Received of Rev. S. U. Smith, St. Mark's, Greene county..... | | 11 35 |
| April 9.—Received of Rev. H. N. Pierce, St. John's Church, Mobile..... | | 101 55 |
| April 14.—Received of Rev. John Y. Gholson, St. Michael's, Marengo..... | | 110 00 |
| April 17.—Received of Rev. R. A. Cobbs, Church of the Holy Cross, Uniontown..... | | 21 00 |
| April 18.—Received of Rev. A. Menzies, St. James', Claiborne | | 15 00 |
| April 26.—Received of H. A. Tayloe, Esq., St. Andrew's, Ma- con..... | | 51 75 |
| April 30.—Received of Bishop Cobbs, Calvary, Choctaw county..... | | 31 80 |
| Amount carried forward..... | | \$1,929 56 |

1859.—Amount carried forward.....\$1,929 50

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| May 9.—Paid Bishop Cobbs' order of 5th, favor Rev. J. F. Smith | \$100 00 |
| May 5.—Paid Bishop Cobbs' order of 2d, favor Rev. J. S. Jarratt | 50 00 |
| June 1.—Paid Bishop Cobbs' order of 17th May, favor Rev. F. B. Lee | 100 00 |
| Sept'r 5.—Paid Bishop Cobbs' order of 25th August, favor Rev. J. S. Jarratt..... | 100 00 |

1860.

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|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| Jan'y 28.—Paid Bishop Cobbs' order of 19th December, favor Rev. E. Denniston..... | 100 00 |
| Jan'y 28.—Paid Bishop Cobbs' order 19th inst., favor Rev. W. M. Bartley..... | 150 00 |
| Mar'h 15.—Paid Bishop Cobbs' order of March 1st, favor Rev. J. A. Wheelock..... | 125 00 |
| Mar'h 30.—Paid Bishop Cobbs' order of March 12th, favor Rev. J. C. Waddill | 100 00 |
| May 1.—By balance, carried down..... | \$1,104 56 |

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| <u>\$1,929 56</u> | <u>\$1,929 56</u> |
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1860.

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| May 1.—To balance, brought down..... | \$1,104 56 |
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THOMAS W. McCOY, Treasurer.

E. E.—Mobile, May 1st, 1860.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

CHRIST CHURCH, MOBILE.—Rev. J. S. SHIPMAN, Rector.

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|-------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| Baptisms—White, adults, 3; infants, 12..... | Total, 15 |
| Confirmations—White..... | 26 |
| Marriages—White..... | 11 |
| Funerals—White..... | 11 |
| Communicants—Present No..... | 226 |
| Sunday School—Teachers, 13; scholars, white, 90; colored, 14..... | Total, 104 |
| Library Books..... | 250 |
| Communion Administered—Public 8; private, 1..... | Total, 9 |
| Communion Offerings..... | \$357 95 |
| Collections—Diocesan Missions..... | 71 15 |
| Domestic Missions..... | 170 00 |
| Foreign Missions..... | 443 22 |

This Parish was without a Minister from May of the last, to January of the present year. The above Report is therefore mostly for the time since the present Rector took charge—a period of about four months.

CHRIST CHURCH, TUSCALOOSA.—Rev. R. D. NEVINS, Rector.

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|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Baptisms—White, adults, 1; infants, 19; colored, infants, 3..... | Total, 23 |
| Confirmations—White, 13; colored, 1..... | Total, 14 |
| Marriages—White, 2; colored, 1..... | Total, 3 |
| Burials—White..... | 5 |
| Communicants—White, at last report, 99; died, 2; removed, 9; present No.... | 103 |
| Colored, last report, 6; present No..... | 8 |
| Sunday School—Teachers, 13; pupils..... | 70 |
| Communion Administered..... | 13 |
| Communion Offerings..... | \$ 60 00 |
| Collections—Diocesan Missions..... | 87 00 |
| Domestic Missions..... | 50 00 |
| Foreign Missions..... | 50 00 |
| Church purposes generally..... | 897 00 |

Among the Communicants reported above are five young men in the University of Alabama, and six young ladies belonging to "Mrs. Toumey's Home School." This School is a true nursery for the Church, in principle and practice, and the Rector is glad to say that this portion of his charge has always been one most pleasant in labor and profitable in results.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, GREENSBORO'—Rev. J. M. BANISTER, Rector.

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|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Baptisms—White, infants, 8; colored, infants, 8..... | Total, 16 |
| Confirmations—White..... | 2 |
| Marriages—White, 1; colored, 1..... | Total, 2 |
| Funerals—White..... | 3 |
| Communicants—White, at last report, 65; added, 7; present No..... | 72 |
| Sunday School—Teachers, 6; scholars, white..... | 50 |
| Library Books..... | 200 |
| Communion Administered..... | 10 |
| Communion Offerings..... | \$137 03 |
| Collections—Diocesan Missions..... | 121 38 |
| Domestic Missions..... | 88 66 |
| Foreign Missions..... | 88 66 |
| For Church purposes generally..... | \$26,000 00 |

Time spent in the Parish in the performance of its regular duties, since last report, about eleven months.

TRINITY CHURCH, DEMOPOLIS.

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|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Baptisms—White, adults, 3; infants, 4; colored, infants 9..... | Total, 16 |
| Confirmations—White, 14; colored, 1..... | Total, 15 |
| Marriages—Colored..... | 2 |
| Funerals—White, 5; colored, 2..... | Total, 7 |
| Communicants—White, at last report, 17; added, 7; present No..... | 24 |
| Sunday School—Teachers, 8; scholars, white..... | 50 |
| Library Books—About two hundred volumes..... | |
| Communion Administered..... | 6 |
| Communion Offerings..... | \$28 80 |
| Collections—Diocesan Missions..... | 46 10 |
| For the Widows' and Orphans' Society..... | 15 00 |

This Parish seems to be in a growing condition. A larger number than usual have been added to the Communion during the past year. Services are held every Sunday afternoon.

F. R. HANSON, Officiating Minister.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, LIVINGSTON.—Rev. STEPHEN U. SMITH, Rector.

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| Baptisms—White, adults, 1; infants, (by the Bishop) 3; colored, infants 2.. | Total, 6 |
| Confirmations—White..... | 3 |
| Funerals—White, 1; colored, 2..... | Total, 3 |
| Communicants—White, at last report, 32; added, 3; removed, 9; present No.. | 28 |
| Sunday School—Teachers, 6; scholars, white..... | 23 |
| Library Books—About..... | 200 |
| Communion Administered..... | 9 |
| Communion Offerings—Of this \$12 15 for Diocesan Missions..... | \$107 70 |
| Collections—For Church purposes generally..... | 65 70 |

Time spent in the Parish in the performance of its regular duties, since last report, twelve months.

Service first and third Sundays by the Rector. The Church, with the assistance of the lay-readers, has been kept open every Sunday, most of the Saints' days and every day in Lent. The Parish is under obligations to one of its members for a very pretty silver Communion service.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, MONTGOMERY.—Rev. J. M. MITCHELL, Rector.

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| Baptisms—White, adults, 4; infants, 17; colored, infants, 6..... | Total, 27 |
| Confirmations—White..... | 12 |
| Marriages—White, 9; colored, 2..... | Total, 11 |
| Funerals—White, 21; colored, 1..... | Total, 22 |
| Communicants—White, at last report, 153; added, 24; died, 3; removed, | |
| 22; present No..... | 152 |
| Colored, at last report, 9; added, 4; died, 2; removed, 1; | |
| Present No..... | 10 |
| Sunday School—Teachers, 15; scholars, white, 125; colored, 40..... | Total, 165 |
| Library Books..... | 400 |
| Communion Administered..... | 15 |
| Communion Offerings..... | \$389 80 |
| Collections—Diocesan Missions..... | 200 00 |
| Domestic Missions..... | 136 00 |
| Foreign Missions..... | 100 00 |
| For Orphan Asylum..... | 282 00 |
| For Church purposes generally, about..... | \$43,000 00 |

Time spent in the Parish in the performance of its regular duties, since last report, eight months.

The collections reported under the specification "Church purposes generally," consist of \$25,000 to the University of the South; about \$15,000 to the Diocesan Female Seminary, incorporated under the name and style of Hamner Hall; and \$300.00 to the Montgomery Female Orphan Asylum.

ST. WILFRID'S CHURCH, MARION.—Rev. W. A. STICKNEY, Officiating.

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| Baptisms—White, adults, 2; infants, 7; colored, infants, 10..... | Total, 19 |
| Confirmations—White,(in Cahaba, at last Convention)..... | 1 |
| Marriages—Colored..... | 2 |
| Communicants—White, at last report, 55; added, 8; removed, 5; present No... | 58 |
| Colored, at last report, 4; present No..... | 4 |
| Communion Administered..... | 18 |
| Collections—Domestic Missions..... | \$29 70 |
| Foreign..... | 17 40 |
| Other purposes..... | 39 00 |

Not more than six months services in the Parish since last report—caused by ill health. Regular lay-reading in the mean-time, and well attended morning prayers on Festivals and Fasts, as well as Litany days; double daily service during Holy Week, but the daily service intermitted up to this stage of the Lenten season—the first time since the existence of the Parish. Holy Communion has been celebrated as heretofore—on the great Festivals and their octaves, and the first two days of Easter and Whitsun Week.

Service for the colored people on Sunday afternoon. Though a small, regular congregation, they are looking towards the Church with increasing interest. There has been no Episcopal visitation to the Parish this year. Finding it impossible longer to attend to both Parish and School, in a feeble physical condition, by the decision of the Bishop I have been laboring for the Parish mostly, when able. The school for smaller boys, though kept up, has not reached its usual limit the present year. The high school has gone on as usual under its Principal, E. L. STICKNEY.

The fund for a Female School in the Parish has been increased \$1,100.00—a pious offering of a female member of Christ, not rich in the things of this world.

Increasing attendance on the Sunday services suggest the necessity of a larger Church not long hence.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, LOWNDES COUNTY.—Rev. W. J. PERDUE, Rector.

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| Baptisms—White, infants..... | 1 |
| Funerals—White..... | 4 |
| Communicants—White, at last report, 11; added, 4; removed, 3; present No... | 12 |
| Colored, at last report, 9; present No..... | 9 |
| Communion Administered..... | 6 |
| Communion Offerings..... | \$7 50 |

Time spent in the Parish in the performance of its regular duties, since last report, twelve months.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, SELMA.—Rev. J. H. TICKNOR, Rector.

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| Baptisms—White, adults, 4; infants, 7; colored, 1..... | Total, 12 |
| Confirmations—White..... | 7 |
| Marriages—White..... | 1 |
| Funerals—White, 8; Colored, 2..... | Total, 10 |
| Communicants—White, at last report, 47; added, 14; removed, 5; present No... | 56 |
| Colored, present No..... | 1 |
| Sunday School—Teachers, 8; scholars, white, 35; colored, 12..... | Total, 47 |
| Library Books..... | 150 |
| Communion Administered..... | 16 |
| Communion Offerings..... | \$68 60 |
| Collections—Diocesan Missions..... | 30 00 |
| Domestic Missions..... | 10 00 |

Collections—For Church purposes generally—by the Ladies.....\$400 00

Time spent in the Parish in the performance of its regular duties, since last report, twelve months.

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, CAHABA.—Rev. GEO. F. CUSHMAN, Rector.

Baptisms—White, adults, 2; infants, 9; colored, infants, 6.....Total, 17
Confirmations—White1
Marriages—White, 2; colored, 1 Total, 3
Funerals—White3
Communicants—White, at last report, 37; added, 2; removed, 3; present No...36
Sunday School—Teachers, 5; scholars, white29
Library Books.....260
Communions Administered.....10
Communion Offerings.....\$108 70
Collections—Diocesan Missions..... 88 70
Domestic Missions 15 00

Time spent in the Parish in the performance of its regular duties, since last report, twelve months.

The only events of interest in the Parish during the year, is the adoption of the Offertory System for the support of the services, and the placing within the Church, by the zeal and energy of Mrs. C. A. PEGUES, aided by the liberality of her personal friends, a most excellent and beautiful organ, at a cost of nearly \$1000.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, CARLOWVILLE.—Rev. F. B. LEE, Rector.

Baptisms—White, infants, 7; colored, infants, 1.....Total, 8
Confirmations—White2
Marriages—Colored.....1
Funerals—White, 1; colored, 1Total, 2
Communicants—White, at last report, 43; added, 23; present No.....66
Colored, at last report, 19; died, 1; removed, 1; present No...17
Sunday School—Teachers, 14; scholars, white, 58; colored, 30.....Total, 88
Communions Administered.....10
Communion Offerings.....\$16 58
Collections—Diocesan Missions..... 5 00
Domestic Missions114 16

Time spent in the Parish in the performance of its regular duties, since last report, eleven months.

I have but little to add respecting the circumstances of my charges to what is exhibited in the statistics given. There are but few incidents of note occurring in small Parishes. The largest proportion of the adult members of each of my congregations is embraced in the rank of professors, so that the opportunity to make accessions is but limited, and these will be but of occasional occurrence. Nevertheless, it is humbly hoped that the interests of the Church and Gospel are progressing steadily.

The privileges of religious worship have been afforded on Sundays and Wednesdays throughout the year; and also on the chief Festival and Fast Days.

A colored congregation has been instructed twice a month in one of my Parishes, and once a month in another. I am encouraged to hope that there is a growing interest in the services and teaching of the Church on the part of this people, which would be increased and insured if these services could be more frequent and uninterrupted.

It is a cause of congratulation with me that the contribution to Missions has more than doubled during the last year. This is attributable to the fact of my collections having been made regularly every Lord's Day, and by collectors going through the congregation. I would recommend the regularity of these applications and the mode of making them, in opposition to the monthly collection and the Missionary Box at the door.

CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY, HUNTSVILLE

Rev. R. H. Cobbs, Minister in charge.

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| Baptisms—White, adults, 4; infants, 21; colored, infants, 10..... | Total, 35 |
| Marriages—White, 2; colored, 1..... | Total, 3 |
| Funerals—White, 6; colored, 1..... | Total, 7 |
| Communicants—White, at last report, 91; added, 7; died 4; removed 10; present No..... | 84 |
| Colored, at last report, 4; died, 1; present No..... | 3 |
| Sunday School—Teachers, 10; scholars, white..... | 60 |
| Communion Administered..... | 15 |
| Communion Offerings..... | \$150 00 |
| Collections—Diocesan Missions..... | 77 00 |
| Domestic Missions..... | 61 00 |
| Foreign Missions..... | 30 00 |

Time spent in the Parish in the performance of its regular duties, since last report, 12 months.

There has been a special contribution for the Southwest, amounting to \$325 00, of which the children of the Parish gave \$268 00, as their Lenten Offering.

BISHOP LAY'S REPORT.

HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA, April 30, 1860.

RT. REV. AND DEAR SIR—

My ministerial acts during the year past as Rector of the Church of the Nativity, are included in the report of the Rev. R. H. Cobbs, the Minister in charge, and to this I beg leave to refer you.

In closing up thus the record of many years spent in the Diocese of Alabama, I cannot deny myself the privilege of expressing to you, and to my brethren of all orders in the Convention, the feelings of pleasure and gratitude with which I recall our past associations. To you personally I am indebted for counsel ever ready, and for sympathies that never failed. As a Pastor of pastors, you have watched for my spiritual welfare, even as you taught me to watch for that of others. My Brethren of the Clergy and Laity have, through all these years, given me no small measure of their confidence and affection, so that my heart is knit to theirs for ever. May the blessing of the Comforter abide with you and them always!

You know how thoroughly I have been identified with the Diocese of Alabama. I have rejoiced in its prosperity, and have felt a generous pride in the unanimity and courtesies which have pervaded its counsels. Remembering how faithfully the Gospel is preached, how generally the spirit of order and reverence prevail, and how steadily the Church has increased, I hope and believe that Alabama is destined to become one of our strongest Southern Dioceses.

It may be, that in consideration of my long service with them, my Brethren will permit me to add a few words of counsel. Alabama lacks something yet. I think all of us have fallen short of our duty as Pastors of Christ's flock in this, that we have not sufficiently cultivated the spiritual life of our people. All are so much occupied with our mission to the strangers and the erring, that we have overlooked our duty to bring our peculiar charge to ripeness and perfectness of age in Christ.

We have need of more *saintliness* in the Church. Besides the many worthy and respectable Communicants on our lists, we ought to have in every Parish *saintly* people, such as have been reared hard by the altars of our mother Church of England. I have long felt the conviction which you will now pardon me for expressing, that for a glorious success and ultimate triumph, we need this only among our people: a rigid standard of Christian morals, a delicate sense of Christian propriety, and that maturer type of Christian character, profound and tranquil, yet genial and earnest, which grows up amid frequent meditations and communings of the soul with its Maker. I fear that as Pastors we do not strive to educate to the very highest point of spiritual developement each individual soul committed to our trust.

I trust then that all of us in our several spheres of labor, will strive not only to extend the Kingdom of God, but to establish it firmly and securely in every heart.

and that Alabama, radiant with saintly beauty, may be a pattern and ensample for the Dioceses of the West that are yet unborn.

I beg leave in conclusion to express my earnest and hearty desire for the happiness and usefulness of the Brethren with whom I have so long worked in concert. May we meet at last where there shall be but one Diocese and one Bishop, and lay at his feet our badges of office, well-worn, but undefiled.

I remain in the Fellowship of Christ and of his Church,

Your Son and Brother,

HENRY C. LAY.

RT. REV. N. H. COBBS, D. D., Bishop of Alabama.

REPORT OF REV. H. F. M. WHITESIDES.

RT. REV. BISHOP COBBS, D. D.—

Dear Sir: Since the last Convention, up to the time of my leaving Tuscumbia, I have officiated regularly on Sundays, morning and evening. My resignation of St. John's Parish took effect on the 1st of January. I did not leave, however, until the latter part of February; since which time I have performed missionary duty. On Sunday, March 26th, I read prayers and preached morning and evening in the Presbyterian Church at Decatur. I visited Guntersville, made arrangements for holding service, but owing to unfavorable weather was prevented from officiating. I visited Blountsville, read prayers and preached in the Methodist Church on Wednesday night, March 7th. From Blountsville I proceeded to Ashville, read prayers and preached morning and evening in the new Episcopal Church erected in that village. On Sunday, March 11th, read prayers and preached morning and evening in the Church in Ashville. On Sunday, March 18th, visited Elyton, read prayers and preached morning and evening. On Sunday, March 25th, read prayers and preached morning and evening. On Sunday, April 1st, in the Church in Ashville; also, in the same Church on Easter Sunday, at which time the Holy Communion was celebrated. I then visited Gadsden, in Cherokee county, read prayers and preached in the Methodist Church on the evening of Sunday, April 15th. From Gadsden I proceeded to Jacksonville, read prayers and preached on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, at night; was to have officiated on Thursday, but owing to the unfavorable state of weather, was prevented holding service. I also read prayers and preached morning and evening in Jacksonville on Sunday, April 22d, at which time the Holy Communion was administered. On Sunday, April 29th, read prayers and preached morning and evening in the Court House, in Elyton.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, TUSCUMBIA.

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| Baptisms—White, infants..... | 1 |
| Burials—White..... | 1 |
| Communicants—Present No..... | 12 |
| Communion Administered..... | 7 |
| Collections—Domestic Missions..... | \$6 00 |

At Jacksonville, I baptised a colored infant belonging to Col. Hoke.

Respectfully submitted, by

HENRY F. M. WHITESIDES.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, MACON.—Rev. F. R. HANSON, Rector.

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| Baptisms—White, infants, 7; colored, adults, 7; infants, 1..... | Total, 15 |
| Confirmations—White, 7; colored, 10..... | Total, 17 |
| Marriages—White..... | 1 |
| Funerals—White..... | 4 |
| Communicants—White, at last report, 24; added, 6; died, 1; removed, 8; Present No..... | 26 |
| Communion Administered..... | 8 |
| Communion Offerings..... | \$ 23 10 |
| Collections—Diocesan Missions..... | 104 08 |
| Widows' and Orphans' Society..... | 24 00 |
| For Church purposes generally..... | 25 35 |

Divine service is celebrated in this Church every Sunday morning. The Congregation is indebted to some unknown but liberal friend for a beautiful Baptismal Font.

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS, UNIONTOWN.—Rev. R. A. COAN, Rector.

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| Baptisms—White, infants, 4; colored, adults, 11..... | Total, 15 |
| Confirmations—White, 1; colored 21..... | Total, 22 |
| Marriages—Colored | 1 |
| Funerals—White, 1; colored, 1..... | Total, 2 |
| Communicants—White, at last report, 25; present No..... | Total, 25 |
| Colored, at last report, 4; present No..... | 5 |
| Communion Administered—(One in private)..... | 11 |
| Communion Offerings..... | \$27 00 |
| Collections—Diocesan Missions..... | 21 00 |
| Domestic Missions..... | 85 00 |
| Foreign Missions..... | 40 00 |

Time spent in the Parish in the performance of its duties since last report, eight and a half months.

Although the foregoing Report is very meagre in itself, yet when compared with the Reports for the few immediately preceding years, it shows that some decided improvement has taken place in this Parish. Besides what appears above, funds have been raised for completing our hitherto unfinished Church Edifice, and fitting it up in a neat and becoming manner for the worship of Almighty God. The work has been commenced, and it is expected that the Church will be ready for Consecration within a few weeks. It is earnestly hoped that this is but the dawning of a better state of things among us, and that it will not be long ere this Parish comes up in some measure to its responsibilities.

As may be seen from the foregoing Report, our services amongst the negroes are still blessed with some degree of success. At one of the points at which services are held for them, a plain but convenient Chapel has been erected for their use. At this point, through the kindness of a candidate for Orders, who is acting as lay-reader in a neighboring village, services have been held nearly every Sunday for some months past.

The Rector would beg leave here gratefully to acknowledge the many acts of kindness and liberality towards him and his, on the part of his Parish during the past year.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, EUFAULA.—Rev. W. M. STEEL, Rector.

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| Baptisms—White, adults, 4; infants, 21..... | Total, 25 |
| Confirmations—White..... | 5 |
| Funerals—White..... | 3 |
| Communicants—White, at last report, 24; added, 8; died, 2; removed, 5; withdrawn, 1; present No..... | 24 |
| Sunday School—Teachers, 4; scholars, white..... | 25 |
| Library Books..... | 260 |
| Communion Administered..... | 9 |
| Communion Offerings..... | \$48 26 |
| For assessment Bishop's Salary..... | 40 60 |
| For Sunday School Books..... | 49 50 |

Time spent in the Parish in the performance of its regular duties, since last report, 10 months.

ST. STEPHENS' CHURCH, EUTAW.—Rev. J. A. WHELOCK, Rector.

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| Baptisms—White, adults | 1 |
| Confirmations—White..... | 1 |
| Communicants—White, present No..... | 22 |
| Sunday School—Teachers, 5; scholars, white, 10; colored, 5..... | Total, 15 |
| Communion Administered..... | 2 |
| Communion Offerings..... | \$18 00 |

This report begins March 1st, 1860, at which time the present Rector took charge.

TRINITY CHURCH, MOBILE.—Rev. J. A. MASSEY, Rector.

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| Baptisms—White, adults, 12; infants, 50; colored, infants, 1..... | Total, 63 |
| Confirmations—White | 26 |
| Marriages—White, 18; colored, 13..... | Total, 31 |
| Funerals—White, 46; colored, 7..... | Total, 53 |
| Communicants—White, at last report, 216; added, 24; died, 3; removed, 13; present No..... | 224 |
| Sunday School—Teachers, 13; scholars, white..... | 130 |
| Library Books | 300 |
| Communion Administered—In public, 13; in private, 9..... | Total, 22 |
| Communion Offerings | \$246 55 |
| Collections—Domestic Missions | 168 00 |
| Foreign Missions | 189 50 |

Time spent in the Parish in the performance of its regular duties, since last report, eleven months.

ST. MARK'S CHURCH, GREENE COUNTY.—Rev. STEPHEN U. SMITH, Rector.

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| Baptisms—White, infants, 3; colored, infants, 4..... | Total, 7 |
| Marriages—White, 3; colored, 1..... | Total, 4 |
| Communicants—White, at last report, 13; added, 2; removed, 1; present No.. | 14 |
| Communion Administered... | 10 |
| Communion Offerings—(\$11 35 of this appropriated to Diocesan Missions)— | \$56 10 |
| Collections—Diocesan Missions..... | 11 35 |

Time spent in the Parish in the performance of its regular duties, since last report, twelve months.

Service held in this Parish the 2d and 4th Sundays of each month.

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, JACKSONVILLE.

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| Baptisms—White, infants, 1; colored, infants, 1..... | Total, 2 |
| Communicants—Died, 1; present No..... | 17 |

This Church has been without a regular Minister since the resignation of Rev. Mr. CHRISTIAN, 4th October last. The Rev. Mr. WHITESIDES made us a visit and administered the Holy Communion, 2d Sunday after Easter. Lay reading has been regularly kept up on Sunday mornings.

JNO. D. HOKE,
GEO. HOKE,
Wardens.

May 1, 1860.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, ELYTON.

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| Baptisms—White, infants | 1 |
| Marriages..... | 1 |
| Communicants—Present No..... | 17 |
| Funerals—White, 2; colored, 1..... | Total, 3 |

We have had preaching five times since last Convention by visiting Ministers. This Parish is as yet without a Minister.

May 1, 1860.

NATHANIEL HAWKINS, Secretary.

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH, MARENGO COUNTY.—Rev. J. Y. GHOLSON, Rector.

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| Baptisms—Colored, adults, 8; infants, 14 | Total, 22 |
| Confirmations—White, 1; colored, 4..... | Total, 5 |
| Communicants—White, present No..... | 17 |
| Colored, present No | 40 |
| Collections—Diocesan Missions..... | \$110 00 |
| For Church purposes generally | 500 00 |

The present Rector took charge of the Parish on the 25th February last, and this report embraces only the time from that date to the present.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, MOBILE.—Rev. H. N. PIERCE, Rector.

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| Baptisms—White, adults, 12; infants, 71; colored, adults, 2..... | Total, 85 |
| Confirmations—White, 30; colored, 2..... | Total, 32 |
| Marriages—White, 22; colored, 3..... | Total, 25 |
| Funerals—White, 59; colored, 1..... | Total, 60 |
| Communicants—White, at last report, 106; added, 29; died, 6; removed, 9; present No..... | 120 |
| Communion Administered..... | 23 |
| Communion Offerings..... | \$349 05 |
| Collections—Diocesan Missions..... | 157 80 |
| Domestic Missions..... | 35 00 |
| Foreign Missions..... | 786 60 |
| Church Home..... | 2608 10 |
| For Church purposes generally..... | 6867 92 |

Time spent in the Parish in the performance of its regular duties, since last report, twelve months.

The remarks which I have to make are mainly explanatory of the above statistical statement. The amount raised for the Church Home was made up as follows: \$1,250 10 was derived from the *sale* of articles at a fair, gotten up for that purpose by the ladies, and from donations at the time of the fair; \$1,000 00 was sent me *anonymously*, the sender informing me in his note accompanying the \$1,000 00 bill, that he gave this sum because the ladies had refrained from all raffling and games of chance at the fair or *for* it. To fairs conducted on the truly Christian principles on which this was, there can be no objection. This noble donor, who will not let his right hand know what his left doeth, may well feel gratified that he has struck a successful blow against a great evil, for he has abolished, so far as concerns the Church in Mobile, the practice of *gambling* for charitable purposes. May God bless him for this good work. The balance of the amount collected for the Church Home was composed of smaller donations received during the year. The sum put down under the head of Church purposes generally, embraces many items, some of which I proceed to mention: \$3,000 00 of it is the value of three fine lots adjoining the Rectory grounds. These lots have been presented to the Parish during the past year by the three zealous laymen, whose praise is in all the churches as the founders of this vigorous Parish; \$2000 of this sum has been raised for the enlargement of our church; besides this, about \$800 has been received for this purpose from the members of the Parish of Christ Church, Mobile. This \$800 is not embraced in the statistical statement. I avail myself of this opportunity to acknowledge this act of brotherly love. During the year, we have had several applications from other Dioceses for aid in erecting Churches in weak and Missionary Parishes. Towards this object, there has been contributed \$311 05; \$257 45 was taken up on Thanksgiving Day for the Church Employment Society, a new enterprise undertaken by the whole Church in Mobile for the relief of females dependent on their needle for support. The congregation at St. John's on that day was, by previous notice, composed of the members of all the Parishes, and the collection made is to be considered the contribution of *all* the Parishes, and not of St. John's specially. For the same object about \$160 00 additional have been raised by this Parish. The remainder of the amount comprises the offertory for the Rector's support, current expenses and some minor items. The actual *plate collections* amount to \$3505 32.

The enlargement of the Church is nearly completed. When finished it will seat about eight hundred persons, which is a gain of three hundred on its former capacity.

ST. MARK'S CHURCH, CAMDEN.—Rev. CHAS. A. DERBY, Rector.

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| Baptisms—White, infants, 1; colored, 3..... | Total, 4 |
| Confirmations—White, 3; colored, 1..... | Total, 4 |
| Funerals—White..... | 1 |
| Communicants—White, 14; colored, 2..... | Total, 16 |
| Collections—Diocesan Missions..... | \$25 03 |
| For Church purposes generally..... | 5 00 |

The Rector took charge of this Parish June 20th, 1859.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, LOWNDESBORO'.—Rev. W. J. PERDUE, Rector.

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| Baptisms—White, adults, 2; infants, 9; colored, adults, 1; infants, 14.... | Total, 26 |
| Confirmations—Colored..... | 1 |
| Marriages—White | 1 |
| Funerals—White | 1 |
| Communicants—White, at last report, 18; added, 1; died, 1; removed, 1; present No..... | 17 |
| Colored, added, 1; present No..... | 1 |
| Communion Administered..... | 6 |
| Communion Offerings..... | \$18 00 |

Time spent in the Parish in the performance of its regular duties, since last report, twelve months.

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD, MOBILE.—Rev. W. D. CHRISTIAN, Rector.

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| Baptisms—Colored, adults, 9; infants, 8..... | Total, 12 |
| Confirmations—Colored..... | 10 |
| Marriages—Colored | 4 |
| Funerals—Colored..... | 6 |
| Communicants—Colored, at last report, 87; added, 10; present No..... | 47 |
| Communion Administered | 14 |
| Communion and other Offerings..... | \$92 15 |
| Collections—Foreign Missions..... | 24 15 |

I beg leave to report that I officiated in charge of St. Luke's Parish, Jacksonville and the Talladega Mission, until October last, when I resigned my charge of these places. After an absence from the Diocese of about four months, I returned and took charge, in February, of the Good Shepherd. I trust that the prospects of this interesting field are encouraging. Our present location is, perhaps, a decided draw-back to the growth and prosperity of the Mission. We hope that at no distant day we will be able to remove to a more favorable location and put up a new building. The members of the congregation are very anxious that the change should be made. We have already some funds in hand for that purpose. During the winter the members of the congregation held a fair, for the benefit of this object, and some of them were also authorized to take up subscriptions. They raised, by their exertions, about \$600. This sum, together with some money previously in hand, makes in all about \$900, which is now in hand, towards carrying out this design.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, MOBILE.—Rev. Jos. J. NICHOLSON, Rector.

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| Baptisms—White, infants | 8 |
| Funerals—White, adults, 1; infants, 2..... | Total, 8 |
| Communicants—About..... | 30 |
| Sunday School—Teachers, 4; catechumens, about..... | 50 |
| Collections at Weekly and Communion offertory, for the ecclesiastical year, | \$269 18 |

Devoted as follows:

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| To Sunday School Convention Fund of 1858-'59, Church of the Good Shepherd, alms, &c..... | \$56 05 |
| To the Rector..... | 213 13 |
| Contributed for alterations and repairs of Church building, about..... | 1000 00 |
| Making an aggregate of about..... | 1269 18 |

Time spent in the Parish in the performance of its regular duties, since last report, twelve months.

This congregation, being in a thinly settled suburb of the city, enjoys but few advantages as regards increase of members; nevertheless we trust and believe that during the past year the manifold gifts of God's Holy Spirit have ever shadowed a harmonious band of worshippers, granting them growth in grace and spirituality of mind.

ST. ALBAN'S CHURCH, GAINESVILLE.—Rev. J. A. WHEELLOCK, Rector.

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| Confirmations—White | 2 |
| Communicants—White, present No..... | 8 |
| Sunday School—Teachers, 2; scholars, colored | 6 |
| Communion Administered..... | 2 |
| Communion Offerings..... | \$5 50 |

This report commences January 25th, 1860, at which time the present Rector took charge.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, MADISON COUNTY.—Rev. Jno. M. ROBERTSON, Rector.

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| Baptisms—White, adults, 1; infants, 3..... | Total, 4 |
| Funerals—White | 1 |
| Communicants—White, at last report, 11; added, 1; died, 1; present No..... | 11 |
| Communion Administered..... | 4 |

Time spent in the Parish in the performance of its regular duties, since last report, 12 months.

Two Sundays in each month are given to St. John's and its neighborhood—the mornings at the Church, and in the afternoon at a 16th Section School House, four miles distant. Every third Sunday, I hold services in Jackson county.

CALVARY CHURCH, PUSHMATAHA.—Rev. J. COOPER WADDILL, Minister.

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| Baptisms—White, infants, 2; colored, adults, 4; infants, 8..... | Total, 14 |
| Communicants—White, at last report, 20; removed, 2; present No..... | 18 |
| Colored | 1 |
| Sunday School—Teachers, 5; scholars, white..... | 20 |
| Communion Administered..... | 1 |
| Collections—Diocesan Missions..... | \$31 80 |

Time spent in the Parish in the performance of its regular duties, since last report, three and a half months.

Through the liberality of the community, we have now completed a small but handsome Church, which awaits the Bishop's pleasure for consecration. Our Sunday School is organized, and a lady has given it funds to procure the necessary books. Besides services performed in the Parish, I have, since the last report, married two negro couples on the plantation of a Church family; buried one person and preached twice at Uniontown, twice at Dayton, three times at St. Andrew's, Macon, twice at Greensboro', and three times at Selma.

Your Missionary reached the field of his present labors about the middle of January. Besides Pushmataha he has three places at which to officiate, Butler, Mt. Sterling, and Bladon Springs.

BUTLER, CHOCTAW COUNTY.

This is the County seat of Choctaw, and here I officiate twice a month; two Church families are all the number. They are striving to erect a plain, small Church. Means almost sufficient have been procured, and at no distant day we hope to see it built.

MT. STERLING.

Services are held here twice a month, but as yet little can be reported. There seems to be a desire to become better acquainted with our service. Some few Prayer Books have been distributed to advantage. There are several Church families residing near here.

BLADON SPRINGS.

I preached here in January and purpose giving to this place my fifth Sunday. There are three Communicants living near the Springs. With only four services a year not much can be accomplished. We can but assure these few faithful that they are still remembered, and bid them not give up in despair.

All of which is most respectfully submitted.

J. COOPER WADDILL.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, CLAIBORNE.—Rev. A. MENZES, Rector.

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| Baptisms—White, adults, 4; infants, 11..... | Total, 15 |
| Confirmations—White | 5 |
| Marriages—White..... | 1 |
| Funerals—White..... | 1 |
| Communicants—Present No..... | 8 |
| Communion Administered..... | 3 |
| Collections—Diocesan Missions..... | \$15 00 |
| Domestic Missions | \$20 00 |

Time spent in the Parish in the performance of its regular duties, since last September, seven months.

The number of persons that have attended the services has generally been larger and more attentive and reverential than we had anticipated. There are already signs of vitality in the Parish.

An effort will be made this Summer, by the Vestry and others, for erecting a Church building. With steadiness and singleness of purpose and concert of action, a Church edifice can be put up with comparative ease. Hon. L. GIBBONS has presented the Parish with a fine Harmonion. A member of the Vestry has presented a suitable Bible and Prayer Book for the Desk.

J. S. DIGGS, Esq., of Cahaba, has given a Communion service.

In proportion to the number and ability of those who take interest in the services of the Church, the provision for the support of the Ministry is as liberal as that of any other Parish in the Diocese.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, SPRING HILL.

MY DEAR BISHOP:—I submit the following report of this infant Parish—

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| Confirmed—(One in St. John's,)..... | 2 |
| Communicants..... | 11 |
| Marriages—White..... | 1 |
| Baptisms—White, infants, 1; colored, 1..... | Total, 2 |
| Funerals—Adults, 1; infants, 2..... | Total, 3 |
| Sunday School—Teachers, 2; catechumens..... | about, 40 |
| Contributions—To Convention Fund, &c..... | \$3 60 |
| Sunday School, for Library..... | 7 00 |
| St. Paul's Church, when completed and furnished, (including organ, a present from St. John's Church, Mobile,) about..... | \$3,800.00 |
| To General Domestic Missions..... | \$5 00 |

Time spent in the service of the Parish since last Convention, one year.

Four years ago, in connection with my School, I commenced a Mission service here. It has pleased the Great Head of the Church to grant as a result the neat and appropriate Church above reported, and an overflowing School. The Church will be ready for use in a few weeks, and for Consecration in Autumn. Its chancel window (triplet) with its appropriate emblems and its stained glass throughout, give it a very church-like appearance, and adapt it admirably to its close and intimate connection with the education, for time and eternity, of the youth under my charge. That God may bless it unto this end, and those who have so liberally sustained and carried on this effort for the good of the rising generation and the honor of man's Redeemer, is the prayer of

Very truly yours in Christ,

SPRING HILL INSTITUTE, May 1, 1860.

JOS. J. NICHOLSON.

ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH, AUTAUGAVILLE.—Rev. J. F. SMITH, Rector.

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| Baptisms—White, infants | 5 |
| Confirmations—White | 2 |
| Marriages—White..... | 1 |
| Communicants—White, at last report, 6; added, 2; died, 1; present No..... | 7 |

Time spent in the Parish in the performance of its regular duties since last report, twelve months.

PRATTVILLE MISSION.—Rev. J. F. SMITH, Rector.

Baptisms—White, adults, 5; infants, 9.....Total, 14
 Confirmations—White.....6
 Communicants—White, at last report, 5; added, 6; died, 1; removed, 2;
 Present No.....8
 Time spent in the Parish in the performance of its regular duties, since last report,
 twelve months.

REPORT OF REV. EDWARD DENNISTON.

The Missionary in Macon and Russell Counties reports to the Bishop, that on the first Sunday in each month he preaches in OPELIKA. Here efforts, which promise to be successful, are making for the erection of a Church.

Baptisms—White, infants.....3
 Confirmations—White.....3
 Communicants—White.....3

In Trinity Church, AUBURN, he preaches on the fourth Sunday in each month.
 Baptisms—White, infants.....1
 Communicants—White.....8

In Trinity Church, YOUNGBOROUGH, he preaches on the third Sunday in each month.
 Communicants—White.....6

At SALER, Russell county, he preaches on the second Sunday in each month.
 Confirmations—White.....3
 Communicants—White.....5

He also holds a week-day service once a month at the plantation of Judge ECHOLS, for the benefit of his servants.

Baptisms—Colored, adults.....4
 Confirmations—Colored.....4
 Communicants—Colored.....12

He also holds occasional services at WEST POINT and LAFAYETTE. At the former place there are three communicants of the Church, and at the latter, one.

REPORT OF REV. J. S. JARRATT.

Baptisms—White, adults, 2; infants, 7; colored, infants, 60.....Total, 69
 Confirmations—White.....2
 Marriages—Colored.....2
 Communions Administered, (Greenville, Butler county).....1

Time spent in the Mission in the performance of its regular duties, since last report, eleven months.

Since my last report, I have continued semi-monthly appointments, at Greenville, to the present time; at Letohatchee, sometimes once and sometimes twice a month until November; at Mr. JAS. P. COOK's plantation, in Lowndes county, once a month. Besides these regular stations, I have held occasional services at several other points in Butler, Lowndes and Montgomery counties.

The above report is a summary of all the official acts performed during the year.

At Greenville, there are two communicants, 4 church families, and about twelve or thirteen baptised members of the Church. We have \$850 subscribed for building a house of worship. If we had a suitable building and a minister to give his whole time to this place, we think a good Parish might soon be organized. Although, to do this, would, for a time, require much assistance from the Church at large, yet we think the present importance and future prospects of the place would justify the attempt.

Seeing but little prospect of building up a Parish at Letohatchee, for the present, I have stopped my appointment there. But the labor spent there is not lost, as we have already reaped some of its fruits, it having been my delightful privi-

lege to baptise a whole family in that neighborhood, consisting of the parents and four children.

At the request of Rev. J. F. SMITH, who formerly had charge of the mission at Hayneville, after consulting with you, I have consented to officiate there once a month for the present year. Here the congregations are good, and there are several families in the neighborhood who feel an interest in the Church.

I speak literally in saying that the cry all around is, "come over and help us," there being three other places where I have been earnestly solicited to hold a regular service.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant in Christ and his Church,
JAS. S. JARRATT.

Rt. Rev. N. H. COBBS, D. D.

REPORT OF REV. W. M. BARTLEY.—TUSKEGEE, MACON, COUNTY.

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| Communicants—White..... | 7 |
| Families..... | 4 |
| Money collected for incidental expenses | \$75 00 |

The main difficulty we just now have here to contend with, is the want of a proper room for public worship. We now use a public hall which, from its associations, unpleasant surroundings, and the lack of an exclusive jurisdiction over it, is only rented till we can obtain a room better suited to our purposes. As soon as this is accomplished, which we hope will be very soon, a Sunday School will be organized.

TALLASSEE, TALLAPOOSA COUNTY.

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| Communicants..... | 9 |
| Families..... | 4 |

Here we now have a room fitted up for Church and Sunday School purposes. Previous to my last appointment at this place, by the kindness of the Methodists, we occupied their house of worship. A Sunday School will be immediately organized.



Rules of Order.

RULE 1.—The business of the first day of the Session of every Convention shall be introduced by the Morning Service of the Church, read by the President, or by a clerical member appointed by him; a Sermon and the administration of the Holy Communion: and that of each succeeding day by such prayers as he may select from the Liturgy.

RULE 2.—The order of transacting the business of the Convention shall be—First, the appointment of a President (if there be no Bishop, or if he be absent,) and a Secretary *pro tem*. The Secretary shall then call, in alphabetical order, the names of the Clergy entitled to seats. He shall next call the Churches entitled to representation, when the Delegates shall lay their certificates on the Secretary's table. These shall be referred to a Committee of three, who shall forthwith examine them and report to the Convention. A constitutional quorum having been found present, the President shall declare the Convention duly organized.

RULE 3.—The further order of business shall be as follows: 1. The appointment of a President from among the clerical members present, (if there be no Bishop, or if he be absent.) 2. The appointment of a Secretary. 3. The consideration of the application of Churches or Parishes for admission into union with the Convention. 4. The appointment, by the President, of Standing Committees, viz: the Committee on the State of the Church—The Committee on Canons—the Committee on Finance—the Committee on Unfinished Business. 5. The annual Communication of the Standing Committee of the Diocese. 6. The annual Address of the Bishop, (if there be one, and he be present.) 7. The reports of Committees appointed at the last Convention, with instructions to report at this Convention. 8. The reading of the Parochial Reports. 9. The election of the Standing Committee of the Diocese, by ballot. 10. The election of Delegates to the General Convention, by ballot. 11. Reports to be called for. 12. Miscellaneous business.

RULE 4.—When the President takes the chair, no member shall continue standing, or shall stand up unless to address the President.

RULE 5.—When a member is about to speak in debate, or present any subject to the Convention, he shall, with due respect, address himself to the President, confining himself strictly to the matter under consideration.

RULE 6.—No member shall absent himself from the sessions of the Convention, unless he have leave of the President, or be unable to attend.

RULE 7.—No member shall speak more than twice upon the subject in debate, unless he have leave of the Convention.

RULE 8.—A question being once determined, shall stand as the decision of the Convention, and shall not be again discussed, unless with the consent of two-thirds of the Convention; *Provided, however*, that any member of the Convention voting in the affirmative, may, on the same day on which the vote is taken, move for a reconsideration of the same vote.

RULE 9.—No motion shall be debated, or be considered before the Convention, (except a motion to adjourn,) unless seconded, and reduced to writing (if requested) by the mover, and read by the Secretary.

RULE 10.—When a motion is under consideration, no other motion shall be made, except to amend, to divide, to commit, or to postpone. A motion to adjourn however, shall always be in order and decided without debate.

RULE 11.—A question on amendment shall be decided before the original motion.

RULE 12.—Every member who shall be present, when the question is put, shall vote, unless he be personally interested, or be excused from voting by the Convention.

Diocesan Officers.

Standing Committee.

Rev. J. M. MITCHELL, Montgomery, President.

Rev. GEO. F. CUSHMAN, Cahaba, Secretary.

Rev. J. H. TICKNOR.

A. R. BELL.

M. J. CONLEY,

S. G. JONES.

Trustees of the Bishop's Fund.

A. W. ELLERBE, Treasurer, Liberty Hill, Dallas County.

H. L. ALISON, Carlowville.

SAM'L G. JONES, Montgomery.

Treasurer of Diocesan Missions.

THOMAS W. MCCOY, Mobile.

Court for the Trial of Clergymen.

Rev. F. B. LEE,

Rev. F. R. HANSON,

Rev. W. A. STICKNEY,

Rev. J. A. MASSEY,

Rev. J. M. BANISTER.

Trustees of the University of the South.

Rev. J. M. MITCHELL.

C. T. POLLARD.

LEROY H. ANDERSON.

Treasurer of the University of the South in the Diocese of Alabama.

A. R. BELL, Montgomery.

Trustees of the Diocesan Female Seminary.

Rt. Rev. N. H. COBBS, D. D., President *ex-officio*.

No. 1.—S. G. JONES,

No. 2.—C. T. POLLARD,

No. 3.—Rev. J. M. MITCHELL,

No. 4.—T. B. TAYLOR.

Secretary and Treasurer of the Convention.

HENRY A. TAYLOR, Macon, Marengo County.

Delegates to the General Convention.

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| Rev. J. M. BANISTER, | H. A. TAYLOR, |
| Rev. F. R. HANSON, | A. W. ELLERBE, |
| Rev. J. A. MASSEY, | ROBERT S. BUNKER, |
| | C. T. POLLARD. |

Alternates.

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| Rev. J. M. MITCHELL, | N. H. R. DAWSON, |
| Rev. GEO. F. CUSHMAN, | M. J. CONLEY, |
| Rev. R. A. COBBS, | L. H. ANDERSON, |
| Rev. F. B. LEE, | DAVID MINGE. |

ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION.

WE, whose names are hereunto affixed, deeply impressed with the importance of the Christian religion, and earnestly desiring to promote its holy influence in the hearts and lives of ourselves, our families, and our neighbors, do hereby associate ourselves together under the name and style and title of the Parish of — Church, —, — County, and State of Alabama, and by so doing, adopt the Constitution and Canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Alabama, in communion with the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America.

Agreeably to Canon XI, 1850, we certify to the Convention of the Diocese of Alabama, that the above recited articles of Association have been duly signed by the members of the Parish of — Church, —.

FORM OF PAROCHIAL REPORT.

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| Parish. | Rector. | Date. |
| Baptisms—White, adults,—; infants,—;..... | Total, | — |
| “ Colored, adults,—; infants,—;..... | “ | — |
| Confirmations—White,—; colored,—;..... | “ | — |
| Marriages—White,—; colored,—;..... | “ | — |
| Funerals—White,—; colored,—;..... | “ | — |
| Communicants— | | |
| White, at last Report,—; Added,—; Died,—; Removed,—; pres't No..... | | — |
| Colored, at last Report,—; Added,—; Died,—; Removed,—; “ “..... | | — |
| Sunday School—Teachers,—; scholars, white,—; colored,—;..... | Total, | — |
| Library Books..... | | — |
| Communion Administered..... | | — |
| Communion Offerings..... | | — |
| Collections—Diocesan Missions..... | | — |
| “ Domestic “..... | | — |
| “ Foreign “..... | | — |
| “ For Parochial Schools..... | | — |
| “ For Church purposes generally..... | | — |
| Time spent in the Parish in the performance of its regular duties since last Report..... | — months. | |
| REMARKS— | | |

Journal of the Proceedings

OF THE

SOCIETY FOR THE RELIEF OF DISABLED CLERGYMEN,
AND OF THE WIDOWS AND ORPHANS OF DECEASED
CLERGYMEN OF THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL
CHURCH, IN THE DIOCESE OF ALABAMA.

MEMBERS.

- 1846.—Rt. Rev. N. H. CORBS, D. D., *life member*; Rev. F. B. LEE,
Rev. J. A. MASSEY, Rev. F. R. HANSON; H. L. ALISON, H. A.
TAYLOR.
- 1847.—Rev. J. M. MITCHELL; PAUL LEE, M. J. CONLEY, DAVID MINGE.
- 1848.—Rev. R. A. CORBS; L. H. ANDERSON, *life member*; E. W. PAGE.
- 1849.—Rev. H. C. LAY, D. D.; JOHN P. BROWN, A. W. ELLERRE,
THOS. B. TAYLOR.
- 1850.—EMANUEL JONES.
- 1853.—W. W. LANG, *life member*; J. W. CLAY.
- 1854.—R. P. McCORD, J. D. ALISON, Mrs. A. J. LEE.
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GEO. F. CUSHMAN; C. L. STICKNEY, H. E. CURTIS, ISAAC CROOM,
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BROWN.
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MICOV, *life members*; S. G. JONES, Miss JANE RANDOLPH, D. W.
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A. SEMPLE, P. T. SAYRE, JOHN W. SHEPHERD, Mrs. JOHN W.
SHEPHERD.
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Miss A. ALISON, Mrs. C. C. PEGUES, Mrs. E. J. DONEGAN, Mrs. C.
C. CLAY, Mrs. M. P. RICE, GEO. P. BEIRNE, Mrs. GEO. P. BEIRNE,
L. P. WALKER, Mrs. J. WITHERS CLAY, Mrs. SAMUEL G. JONES,
GABRIEL JORDAN.

St. Paul's Church, SELMA, }
Friday, May 4th, 8 o'clock, P. M. }

The Society for the Relief of Disabled Clergymen, and the Widows

ANNUAL STATEMENT of the Treasurer of the Society for the Relief of
Widows and Orphans, &c., of the Diocese of Alabama, May 1, 1860.

COLLECTIONS, MAY, 1859.

Annual Members.

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| Miss Jane Randolph..... | Rev. R. D. Nevius..... | |
| E. A. Semple | D. W. Pitts..... | |
| C. L. Stickney..... | H. A. Tayloe..... | |
| David Minge..... | Mrs. Dorian Hall..... | |
| John P. Broun..... | Mrs. John P. Broun..... | |
| M. J. Conley | Mrs. Ann L. Lee..... | |
| Mrs. S. L. Lockwood..... | J. D. Alison..... | |
| Mrs. Eliza Lee..... | S. G. Jones | |
| H. L. Alison..... | Miss Annie Alison..... | |
| Mrs. C. C. Pegues..... | Miss Serena Lang..... | |
| Miss Sarah Lang..... | Miss Catherine Lang..... | |
| J. B. Lang..... | Paul Lee..... | |
| J. D. Phelan..... | Mrs. J. D. Phelan | |
| R. S. Bunker..... | A. W. Ellerbe..... | |
| Miss Maria Withers—Say 29, at \$5 each..... | | \$145 00 |
| Rev. J. M. Banister..... | Mrs. Watts | |
| Miss Regina M. Lee..... | Theo. B. Lee..... | |
| Miss Josephine Lee..... | W. W. Dugger | |
| Miss Harriet E. Lee..... | Miss M. K. Gale..... | |
| Miss Harriet S. Alison | Miss A. S. Elmore..... | |
| Miss Sarah Reynolds..... | Miss M. K. Goode..... | |
| Mrs. Catherine Bibb..... | Miss Mary S. Broun..... | |
| Mrs. Robert G. Scott..... | J. F. Dortch | |
| Mrs. S. G. Jones..... | A. B. Arthur..... | |
| W. H. Lee..... | Mrs. S. A. Elmore | |
| James Caldwell..... | Mrs. N. H. R. Dawson..... | |
| A. R. Bell..... | Mrs. Moletta..... | |
| Geo. P. Beirne | Miss Bunker..... | |
| Mrs. Geo. P. Beirne..... | Miss Bunker.—28, at \$5 each..... | 140 00—\$285 00 |

Members with Benefit.

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| Rt. Rev. N. H. Cobbs..... | \$40 00 | |
| Rev. F. R. Hanson..... | 40 00 | |
| Rev. F. B. Lee | 40 00 | |
| Rev. Geo. F. Cushman..... | 70 00 | |
| Rev. H. C. Lay..... | 40 00 | |
| Rev. J. F. Smith..... | 10 00 | |
| Rev. J. M. Mitchell..... | 20 00 | |
| Rev. R. A. Cobbs, viz: Payment due in 1855..... | \$20 00 | |
| Four years' interest, 12½ per cent..... | 9 60 | |
| Same due in 1856..... | 20 00 | |
| Three years' interests..... | 7 20 | |
| Same due in 1857..... | 20 00 | |
| Two years' interest..... | 4 80 | |
| Same due in 1858..... | 20 00 | |
| One year's interest..... | 2 40 | |
| Same due in 1859..... | 20 00—124 00— | 384 00 |
| Member for Life, without benefit—Sally T. Elmore..... | | 50 00 |

Contributions.

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| St. John's Church, Montgomery, through the Rector, \$20 00 | | |
| St. Luke's Church, Cahaba, 7th May, 1859 | 72 50 | |
| From a Little Girl | 25 | |
| Cash | 10 00— | 102 75— \$321 75 |

Amount brought forward.....
Alabama and Mississippi Railroad Company Bond, No.
308, for \$500, presented by the President of the Society, N.
H. R. Dawson, Esq., for the following purpose, viz:

\$221 75

Members with Benefit.

Revs. F. B. Lee, J. M. Mitchell, G. F. Cushman, J. H.
Ticknor, W. A. Stickney, say 5, at \$90 each.....\$450 00

Without Benefit and Life Member.

N. H. R. Dawson, Esq..... 50 00— 500 00

The above Bond was issued with 15 coupons attached, for
\$20 each. These were detached from same before delivery
to the Treasurer. Coupons Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7.

1859.—Nov. 22.—From Mrs. James A. Turner, of Russell
county, Ala., for the benefit of Rev. Geo. F. Cushman, 25 00

1860.—March 22.—Rev. R. H. Cobbs, member with benefit, 10 00

St. Andrew's Church, Macon..... 23 75

Trinity Church, Demopolis..... 15 00

March 27.—Received of Rev. J. Cooper Waddill.... 10 00— 533 75

\$1,405 50

The items above have been carried to the proper accounts on the books of the
Treasurer.

BALANCE SHEET, 1st May, 1860.

| | DR. | CR. |
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| Bills Receivable | \$50 00 | |
| Cash... .. | 773 42 | |
| Alabama and Mississippi Railroad Company Bond..... | 500 00 | |
| Stock in the Memphis and Charleston Railroad Company.... | 12,800 00 | |
| Stock | | \$6,723 74 |
| Interest..... | | 1,639 68 |
| Profit and Loss..... | | 5,750 00 |
| | <u>\$14,123 42</u> | <u>\$14,123 42</u> |

ASSETS IN THE TREASURY, 1st May, 1860.

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| Five hundred and twelve shares of the capital stock of the Memphis and Charleston Railroad Company, \$25 each..... | \$12,800 00 |
| Mississippi and Alabama Railroad Company 8 per cent. Bond, No. 302.. | 500 00 |
| Cash | 773 42 |
| Jno. E. Moore's note, with interest from 27th May, 1858..... | 50 00 |
| | <u>\$14,123 42</u> |

In making the Fourth Annual Report, the Treasurer may congratulate the So-
ciety upon its prosperous condition.

His first report, May, 1857, showed assets, \$4,792 04; the present report shows
\$14,123 42, an accumulation of \$9,331 58 in the space of three years.

This accumulation has been mainly the result of operations made by the Treasu-
rer in the last twelve months.

For instance—\$1000 Memphis and Charleston Railroad stock were pur-
chased at \$750, a profit..... \$250 00

On 1st December, 1859, received 60 per ct. stock dividend on above, a
profit 600 00 |

\$7000 of Memphis and Charleston Railroad Company Bonds were pur-
chased at \$6,300, a profit..... 700 00

These \$7000 of Bonds were converted into \$7000 of Memphis and
Charleston Railroad stock; 1st December, 1859, a stock dividend of 60
per cent. was declared on same—a profit..... \$4,200 00

\$5,750 00

With this sum, profit and loss has been credited on the balance sheet above. Upon this Memphis and Charleston Railroad stock, now held by the Society, 512 shares, or \$12,800, a dividend of 4 per cent., or \$1 per share, amounting to \$512, was paid in cash, and to the credit of interest account, making the profit on these Railroad operations, in the last twelve months, \$6,262.

It is to be hoped that equal success will attend us in the future. Should we, however, fail, the liberality of the Diocese must come to the rescue.

All which is respectfully submitted.

GEO. P. BEIRNE.

Huntsville, 1st May, 1860.

PRACTICAL OPERATION *of the Life Insurance Principle of the Society
for the Relief of Widows and Orphans, and Disabled Clergymen.*

FIRST CLASS.

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| 5 payments of \$10 entitle the beneficiary to an annual sum of \$30, equal to an investment of..... | \$375 |
| 5 to 10 payments.....\$40..equal to an investment of..... | 500 |
| 10 to 15 " 50 " " " " | 625 |
| 15 to 20 " 60 " " " " | 775 |
| 20 to 25 " 70 " " " " | 875 |
| More than 25 " 80 " " " " | 1000 |

SECOND CLASS.

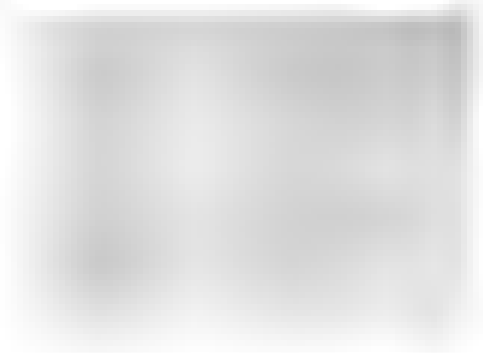
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| 20 to 25 " " " | 140 | " " " " | 1750 |
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| 5 payments of \$30..... | \$90.. | equal to an investment of..... | \$1125 |
| 5 to 10 " " " | 120 | " " " " | 1500 |
| 10 to 15 " " " | 150 | " " " " | 1875 |
| 15 to 20 " " " | 180 | " " " " | 2250 |
| 20 to 25 " " " | 210 | " " " " | 2625 |
| More than 25..... | 240 | " " " " | 3000 |

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| 5 payments of \$40..... | \$120.. | equal to an investment of..... | \$1500 |
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| 10 to 15 " " " | 200 | " " " " | 2500 |
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| 20 to 25 " " " | 280 | " " " " | 3500 |
| More than 25..... | 320 | " " " " | 4000 |



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ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, SELMA, ALA., }
Thursday, Nov. 21, 1861. }

This being the day appointed for the meeting of the adjourned Convention of the Diocese of Alabama, the Clergy and Laity assembled in St. Paul's Church at 11 o'clock, a. m. Morning prayer was read by the Rev. Messrs. Hanson and Massey.

After morning prayer, the Convention was called to order by the President.

The Secretary called the roll of the clergy entitled to seats, and the following answered to their names :

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| Rev. J. M. Banister, | Rev. A. Menæos, |
| " Thos. J. Beard, | " J. M. Mitchell, |
| " R. A. Cobbs, | " R. D. Nevius, |
| " R. H. Cobbs, | " H. N. Pierce, |
| " Geo. F. Cushman, D. D. | " J. M. Robertson, |
| " John Y. Gholson, | " William A. Stickney, |
| " F. R. Hanson, | " J. H. Ticknor, |
| " J. S. Jarratt, | " J. C. Waddill. |
| " J. A. Massey, | |

The roll of Lay Delegates was called, and the following answered to their names :

Messrs. R. B. Waller, S. G. Jones, J. D. Phelan, G. P. Bierne, A. W. Ellerbe, H. A. Tayloe, J. L. Price, D. A. Boyd, E. Shield, G. F. Boone, B. A. Whitaker, D. Minge, L. N. Walthall, I. Morgan, R. N. Philpot, J. A. Lodor, H. L. Alison.

A constitutional quorum being present, the President declared the Convention duly organized.

Certificate of election was presented from St. John's Church, Montgomery, and referred to the committee on Certificates of Election.

The committee reported the same to be in due form, and Jas. Caldwell entitled to a seat to fill the vacancy of M. J. Conley, deceased.

His name being called, he appeared and took his seat.

The Committee on Canons asked leave to retire.

Leave granted.

The Committee on Canons returned and reported a Canon.

On motion, laid upon the table for the present.

A certificate of election was presented from St. Paul's Church, Greensboro, and referred to the committee on Certificates of Election.

The committee on said certificate reported that it was irregular.

The President called the Rev. H. N. Pierce to the chair.

On motion, Isaac Croom was admitted to a seat in this convention as a delegate from St. Paul's Church, Greensboro'.

Rev. Messrs. Lee, Nicholson, Perdue and J. F. Smith, appeared and took their seats in convention.

Rev. Henry Sansom, D. D., took a seat in convention.

Messrs. Lowe, Jeffries and Hammond, appeared and took their seats in convention.

A certificate of election was presented from Christ's Church, Mobile. Referred to the committee on certificates of election.

The committee of elections reported it in due form and R. L. Fearn entitled to a seat in place of G. A. Tuthill. His name being called, he appeared and took his seat.

On motion, *Resolved*, that after silent prayer, the convention proceed to the election of a Bishop for the Diocese of Alabama.

The clergy retired to make a nomination.

The clergy returned and reported that the Rev. Richard H. Wilmer, D. D., was nominated by them for the office of Bishop of the Diocese of Alabama.

The nomination was unanimously confirmed by the Laity, and the Rev. R. H. Wilmer, D. D., was declared to be by a unanimous vote of both orders, the Bishop elect of the Diocese of Alabama.

On motion, *Resolved*, that the Rev. J. A. Massey, J. H. Tichenor, with the President and Messrs. J. D. Phelan, H. L. Allison and Henry A. Tayloe, be appointed a committee to inform the Rev. R. H. Wilmer, D. D., of his election to the Bishopric of Alabama.

On motion, *Resolved*, that the trustees of the Bishop's fund be authorised to pay the expenses of the consecration of the Bishop elect.

On motion, *Resolved*, that the convention adjourn until four o'clock p. m., and then proceed to sign the testimonials of the Bishop elect.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, SELMA, }
Thursday, 4 o'clock, p. m.

Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

The members of the convention signed the testimonials of the Bishop elect.

On motion, *Resolved*, that a committee of two clergymen and two laymen be appointed to prepare a digest of the constitution, canons and standing resolutions of the Diocese, with such changes as our altered ecclesiastical relations may require, and that they report to the next convention.

Rev. Messrs. Cushman and Ticknor, of the clergy, and Messrs. Lodor and Ellerbe, were appointed to constitute said committee.

On motion, *Resolved*, that a committee of two clergymen and one laymen be appointed to prepare resolutions expressive of the sense of this convention on the death of Rev. H. F. M. Whitesides and Mr. M. J. Conley, late members of this convention.

Rev. J. S. Jarratt, Rev. R. D. Nevius and S. G. Jones, Esq., were appointed to constitute said committee.

A resolution respecting the consecration of the Bishop elect was presented. Adopted.

A motion was made to reconsider said resolution. Carried.

An amendment was offered to said resolution and adopted.

The resolution as amended was then adopted.

On motion, the convention proceeded to the election of a member of the standing committee to fill the vacancy occasioned by the decease of M. J. Conley.

On motion, balloting was dispensed with.

J. D. Phelan was nominated and elected to fill said vacancy.

A motion was made to take up the canon reported by the committee on Canons, pending which the convention adjourned until after divine service to-night.

SELMA, Thursday, 8 o'clock, P. M.

After divine service, the convention met pursuant to adjournment.

The canon reported by the committee on Canons was taken from the table.

The President retired and called Rev. R. A. Cobbs to the chair.

On motion, *Resolved*, that the proposed canon in reference to the division of the Diocese be recommitted to the committee on Canons, with instructions to revise and amend the 2d section so as to distribute the counties differently and more equally between the proposed Dioceses, and to report to the next convention.

On motion, *Resolved*, that the Secretary be instructed to have the proceedings of this adjourned convention printed and bound, with the proceedings of the next convention.

On motion, *Resolved*, that the next convention meet in Christ's Church, Mobile, on the 1st Thursday in May, 1862.

A motion was made to reconsider the resolution respecting the consecration of the Bishop elect.

The President resumed the chair.

Division was called for, and resulted in a tie vote.

The President voted in the affirmative, and the motion was carried.

On motion, the following resolution was then adopted:

Resolved, That the Standing Committee be instructed to indicate in their correspondence with the senior Bishop, the desire of this convention to have the consecration of the Bishop elect take place in the Diocese of Alabama, and in the city of Mobile, if said place be not objectionable for said consecration to the Bishop elect.

On motion, *Resolved*, that the Treasurer of the Diocese be authorized to pay its proportion of the expenses of the late convention and adjourned convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the Confederate States.

The President retired, and called the Rev. R. A. Cobbs to the chair.

On motion, *Resolved*, that the thanks of the convention be extended to our President for the kind and courteous manner in which he has discharged his duties.

The Rev. F. R. Hanson resumed the chair.

On motion, *Resolved*, that the thanks of this convention be tendered to the citizens of Selma for their hospitality.

After singing the "*Gloria in Excelsis*," and the Benediction, the convention adjourned *sine die*.

FRANCIS R. HANSON, Pres't.

HENRY A. TAYLOE, Secretary.

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List of the Clergy in the Diocese of Alabama.

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| Rt. Rev. R. H. WILMER, D. D.,..... | Greensboro'. |
| Rev. J. M. BANISTER..... | Church of Nativity, Huntsville. |
| " THOS. J. BEARD*..... | Trinity Church, Demopolis. |
| " R. A. COBBS..... | Church of the Holy Cross, Uniontown. |
| " R. H. COBBS..... | St. Paul's Church, Greensboro'. |
| " THOS. A. COOK..... | Residing in Talladega. |
| " WM. D. CHRISTIAN..... | |
| " GEO. F. CUSHMAN, D. D.*..... | St. Luke's Church, Cahaba. |
| " CHAS. A. DERBY..... | St. Peter's Church, Lowndes county. |
| " J. Y. GHOLSON*..... | St. Michael's Church, Marengo county. |
| " J. B. GRAY, Deacon..... | |
| " F. R. HANSON*..... | St. Andrew's Church, Macon. |
| " J. S. JARRATT*..... | Butler and Lowndes counties. |
| " F. B. LEE*..... | St. Paul's Church, Carlowville. |
| " J. A. MASSEY*..... | Trinity Church, Mobile. |
| " A. MENAEOS..... | St. John's Church, in the Prairies. |
| " J. M. MITCHELL,*..... | St. John's Church, Montgomery. |
| " R. D. NEVIUS*..... | Christ Church, Tuskaloosa. |
| " J. J. NICHOLSON*..... | St. Mary's Church, Mobile. |
| " W. J. PERDUE..... | St. Mary's Church, Camden. |
| " H. N. PIERCE*..... | St. John's Church, Mobile. |
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| " J. M. ROBERTSON..... | St. John's Church, Madison county. |
| " J. A. SHEPHERD..... | Rector Hamner Hall, Montgomery. |
| " HENRY SANSON, D. D.,*..... | Christ Church, Mobile. |
| " J. F. SMITH*..... | St. Paul's Church, Lowndesboro'. |
| " S. U. SMITH*..... | St. James' Church, Livingston, and St. Mark's Church, Greene county. |
| " J. B. T. SMITH..... | Trinity Church, Florence. |
| " W. A. STICKNEY*..... | St. Wilfred's Church, Marion. |
| " J. H. TICKNOR..... | St. Paul's Church, Selma. |
| " J. C. WADDILL..... | Calvary Church, Pushmataha. |
| " J. A. WHEELOCK..... | St. Alban's Church, Gainesville. |

Those marked thus (*) were in attendance.

List of Lay Delegates.

Christ Church, Mobile.

*ROBERT S. BUNKER,
*H. A. SCHROEDER,
*H. A. LOWE,
*R. LEE FRANK,
*HENRY FARROW.

Christ Church, Tuscaloosa.

H. A. SNOW,
J. J. LEACH,
DAVID WOODRUFF,
P. BRYCE,
J. M. VAN HOOSE.

St. John's Church, Montgomery.

C. T. POLLARD,
J. D. PHELAN,
*S. G. JONES,
P. T. SAYRE,
T. WELSH,

St. Paul's Church, Selma.

A. G. MARRY,
I. MORGAN,
W. ICKES,
J. W. BLANDIN.

St. Luke's Church, Calaba.

*J. A. LODON,
*W. L. SALTMAKSH,
J. S. DEAN,
E. M. PERINE.

St. Andrew's Church, Macon.

W. P. BOODER,
*H. A. TAYLOR.

Trinity Church, Mobile.

*B. A. WHITAKER,
*W. G. JONES,
*Geo. F. BOONE,
J. Y. THOMSON,
W. FLASK.

St. Michael's Church, Marengo.

DAVID MINGER,
W. W. HOOKER,
J. W. DUBOIS,
R. H. ADAMS,

St. John's Church, Mobile.

*W. P. HAMMOND,
*F. E. GORDON,
*W. P. PROUT,
E. JONES,
*F. MARSHDOFF.

St. Paul's Church, Spring Hill.

*A. STEIN,
*C. A. MARSTON,
*G. A. TUTTILL,
ROBERT PURVIS.

Those marked (*) were present.

CHRIST'S CHURCH, MOBILE, }

Thursday, May 1, 1862, St. Philip and St. James' Day. }

This being the day appointed for the meeting of the Thirty-first Annual Convention of the Diocese of Alabama, the clergy and laity assembled in Christ Church, Mobile.

Divine service commenced at 10 o'clock, a. m. Morning prayer was read by the Rev. Messrs. Hanson, Lee, Mitchell and S. U. Smith; and the anti-communion service by Rev. Messrs. Lee and Mitchell.

The sermon was preached by the Rt. Rev. R. H. Wilmer, D. D., from the 14th chapter of Proverbs, 34th verse: "Righteousness exalteth a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people."

After the sermon, the Rt. Rev. Bishop and Rev. Dr. Sansom read the communion service, and administered the Holy Communion, assisted in the distribution of the elements by the Rev. Messrs. Hanson, Lee, Mitchell and S. U. Smith. After the Benediction, the convention was called to order by the Rt. Rev. R. H. Wilmer, D. D.

H. A Tayloe was nominated and elected Secretary, *pro tem*.

The Rt. Rev. R. H. Wilmer, D. D., then presented a list of the clergy *canonically* connected with the Diocese.

Rt. Rev. R. H. WILMER, D. D.....Greensboro.

Rev. J. M. BANISTER.....Church of the Nativity, Huntsville.

" THOS. J. BEARD.....Trinity Church, Demopolis.

" R. A. COBBS.....Church of the Holy Cross, Uniontown.

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" J. B. GRAY, Deacon.....

" F. R. HANSON.....St. Andrew's Church, Macon.

" J. S. JARRATT.....

Rev. J. M. Mitchell, President of the Standing Committee, made the following report:

SEE APPENDIX "A."

On motion, the rules of Order were suspended, and leave being granted, the following Canon was unanimously adopted:

The Convention shall elect at a regular annual meeting, three clerical and three lay deputies, with alternates, to the General Council of the P. E. Church in the Confederate States, who shall continue in office until a new election shall be made.

On motion, the convention adjourned until 5 o'clock, p. m.

CHRIST'S CHURCH. MOBILE, }
Thursday, 5 o'clock, p. m. }

The convention met pursuant to adjournment.

The Rt. Rev. Bishop read his annual Address. On motion referred to committee on the State of the Church.

To the Clergy and Laity of the Diocese of Alabama:

DEAR BRETHREN—On the sixth day of March, I was consecrated to the Episcopate of Alabama, in St. Paul's Church, Richmond. Va. There were present, of the Bishops of the Church in the Confederate States, the Right Rev. William Meade, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese of Virginia, the Right Rev. John Johns, D. D., Assistant Bishop of the same Diocese, and the Right Rev. Stephen Elliott, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese of Georgia. These three Bishops united in the act of consecration, Bishop Meade, as senior Bishop, presiding.

I herewith present for your satisfaction, as in my judgment, a thing proper to be done, the letters of consecration signed and sealed by the consecrating Bishops.

The President of the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Alabama, has in his keeping all the documents connected with the consecration.

The desire had been expressed to the senior Bishop, and to myself, that the consecration might take place, if practicable, in the city of Mobile. Arrangements to this effect were accordingly made, and the Bishops, designated to act as consecrators, were notified to meet at Mobile, at a specified time. When, however, the time appointed drew near, it was found that the assents of a majority of the House of Bishops had not been received. The whole matter, therefore, was necessarily postponed.

At length, such was the precarious state of affairs that the Presiding Bishop, at great personal inconvenience to himself, and as it proved, to his serious discomfort, went to Richmond, and united

with Bishops Johns and Elliott in the act of consecration. This proved to be the last official act of Bishop Meade in public. He returned from the church to his room, and went not out thence until borne in the loving arms of his people to his tomb. He was taken from his Diocese and the Church at a time when the counsels of the best and wisest men were most needed. The loss of such a man to the Church is great, but the gain to him is incalculable. He had fulfilled his course and the ministry which he had received of the Lord Jesus. He had passed the limit of life ordinarily assigned to man. Further continuance of life gave promise only of labor and sorrow. The independence of his native South, for which he had labored and prayed with all the earnestness of his strong heart, was imperilled; the beautiful valley of his native State, where he had been born and reared, was threatened with hostile invasion—almost all whom he loved were in the forefront of the battle. Each day brought to him tidings of some fresh outrage and calamity. Death came to his relief. He was spared the humiliation of hearing that the homestead of his father was polluted by the tread of the invader. The summons came to him not unawares; he was found watching unto prayer. His last thoughts and prayers were for his native land, and for the Church of the Redeemer.

It is to me a solemnizing thought that I was consecrated to the office of a Bishop by the dying. The solemnity is deepened when I call to mind that I was consecrated for the dead. You might have found many who could have occupied the chair of your late beloved Bishop, but where could you look to find one who could fill his place in your hearts? He was so good, so kind, so sagacious, so merciful, so long suffering. He was "gentle among you, even as a nurse cherisheth her children." Were I speaking of him to strangers, I should not know where to stop in the delineation of his many virtues and his exceeding loveableness. But what need I tell the sons of the virtues of their father, when the mere mention of his name is sufficient to cause every heart to throb, and every eye to overflow. We can only say, when we think of his loss: "Even so, Father, for so it seemed good in thy sight."

It is a great privilege, Brethren, to have enjoyed the counsels, the labors and the sympathies of such a man; but every privilege brings with it its correlative responsibility. It will avail us naught to admire the godly unless we are incited to imitate their virtues. Let us aim to "fulfil his joy by being like-minded, of one accord, of one mind;" "striving together for the faith of the gospel." Much more I could say, but I forbear.

There is one point of duty in regard to which I have of late been frequently consulted, and upon which I feel bound to express my opinions. In the progress of the existing war, it is probable that

some of our towns may be occupied by the forces of the enemy. I have been asked by several of the Clergy, what would be their duty in the premises. I am satisfied that, while many modes might be devised with the view of avoiding the interference of the enemy, there is only one manly and consistent course to be pursued.

The Diocese of Alabama has, formally, as she has the right and the reason to do, severed the legislative connection between herself and the Church in the United States. Her Clergy, acting under the advice of their late Bishop, have, for more than one year, prayed for the President and other officers of the Confederate Government as "in authority" over them. The occupation of our soil by a hostile force does not absolve us from our allegiance to the Government of our affections, and of our deliberate choice. In the vicissitudes of war, we may, temporarily, be under the military power of a foreign Government; but one government only can have "*authority over us.*" In my judgment, we can neither repudiate nor evade the obligation to maintain firmly our rights and convictions, without untruthfulness and dishonor.

Now, the attempt to worship, in public, according to the dictates of our consciences, would, in all probability, give occasion to scandalous, perhaps violent scenes in the Sanctuary. This would be lamentable, and, judging from what has taken place elsewhere, would probably be unavailing. The attempt, as has been the case, might be opposed by the rude hand of violence—the application of brute force. I recommend, therefore, that, in the contingency supposed, the Rector, or (if there be no Rector) the Vestry of the Parish, should inquire of the officer in command of the army of occupation, whether he designs to interfere, as has been elsewhere done, with the worship of the Sanctuary. Should he reply, as past experience leads us to expect, that he will by force, if necessary, insist upon the prayer for the President of the United States being used, or upon the prayer for the President of the Confederate States being omitted, then I counsel that the church should be closed; and the odium and responsibility of suspending the public worship of God will rest where it properly belongs—upon those who make war upon freedom of opinion.

Let us not, Brethren, either from an unworthy fear of the consequences, or with the specious but delusive hope of doing good, evade the point of honor, which is ever coincident with that of duty. The glory of God and the good of man, to subserve which is the end of the worship of God, can never be advanced by the sacrifice, or the evasion of principle. It can never be our duty to celebrate the worship of God at the expense of principle. The Kingdom of God is not divided against itself, and God is not the author of confusion. It is our duty, however, "to worship Him in spirit and in truth."

The channels of communication with the throne of grace are not obstructed when we close the doors of the earthly sanctuary, rather than lend ourselves to an unworthy evasion of our duty. The compensations of Divine Grace and Providence will supply all our needs. This war is not as ordinary wars, a conflict between governments, merely; it is a struggle on our part for liberty of thought and speech. We, of the Clergy, are not called to the field of combat; but we must meet the issue where the issue finds us—at our altars, and standing in our lot.

The course recommended may, possibly, lead to serious consequences; but "duties are our's, events are God's." It is nowhere declared to be our duty—to live; but it is declared to be our duty—to live upright—to "be strong and quit ourselves like men."

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1862—March 9th, (1st Sunday in Lent) I preached in St. Paul's Church, Richmond, Va.

16th, (2d Sunday in Lent) I preached in St. John's Church, Montgomery.

21st, I assisted the Rector of St. John's Church, Mobile, in the daily Lenten service.

22d, I preached in Trinity Church, Mobile, after morning prayer.

23d, (3d Sunday in Lent) I preached in Christ Church, Mobile, and confirmed thirty-four persons. In the evening of the same day I preached in Trinity Church, Mobile.

24th, I assisted the Rector of Christ Church, Mobile, in the daily morning service.

25th, I assisted the Rector of St. John's Church, Mobile, in the daily morning service.

26th, I preached in Christ Church, Mobile, and confirmed four persons.

27th, I assisted the Rector of St. John's Church, Mobile, in the daily morning service; and after service I confirmed a member of the same church in private.

28th, I preached in St. John's Church, Mobile, in the afternoon.

29th, I assisted the Rector of Trinity Church, Mobile, in the daily morning service.

30th, (4th Sunday in Lent) I preached in St. John's Church, Mobile, and confirmed nine persons. In the afternoon of the same day I preached in St. Paul's Church, Spring Hill, and confirmed four persons, one of them a son of the Rector, in private.

April 2d, I assisted the Rector of St. John's Church, Mobile, in the daily morning service.

4th, I preached in the afternoon, in Trinity Church, Mobile.

5th, I assisted the Rector of Christ Church in the daily service.

6th, (5th Sunday in Lent) I preached in Trinity Church, Mobile, and confirmed twenty-seven persons.

In the afternoon of the same day I preached in the Church of Good Shepherd and confirmed fourteen persons. In the evening of the same day I assisted the Rector of Christ Church in the evening prayer.

9th, I assisted the Rector of Christ Church in the daily morning prayers.

9th, I confirmed, in private, a young man who was presented for confirmation by the Rector of Trinity Church, Mobile.

11th, I preached in St. Mary's Church, Camden, and confirmed four persons.

13th, I preached twice in St. Paul's Church, Carlowville, and confirmed four persons, one of whom was a negro.

15th, I preached twice in St. Luke's Church, Cahaba, and confirmed four persons.

16th, I preached twice in St. Paul's Church, Selma.

18th, (Good Friday) I preached twice in St. John's Church, Montgomery, and confirmed twelve persons, one of them in private.

19th, I preached at Greenville, in the afternoon.

20th, (Easter Sunday) I preached twice at Greenville, confirmed two persons, baptizing one infant, and aiding in the administration of the Holy Communion.

22d, I assisted the Rector of Trinity Church, Mobile, in the morning service.

27th, I preached in Christ Church, Mobile. In the evening of the same day, I preached in Trinity Church, Mobile, and confirmed twelve persons.

28th, I preached at night, in Christ Church, Mobile, and confirmed two persons.

The following summary will show the amount of Episcopal services performed by me since coming into the Diocese, viz :

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| Baptisms | 1 |
| Confirmations | 130 |

Reports of committees appointed at last convention called for.

On motion, leave was granted to the committee on Canons to defer their report respecting the division of the Diocese until the next convention.

On motion, the committee appointed to codify the Canons was continued until the next convention.

On motion, the reading of the Parochial Reports was dispensed with.

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| May | 9—Paid Bishop Cobbs' order of May 28, 1860, in favor Rev. H. F. M. Whitesides..... | 100 00 |
| June | 7—Paid by Dr. L. H. Anderson to Rev. J. A. Wheelock, per letter of 3d. of President Mitchell..... | 100 00 |
| June | 25—Paid President's order of 6th May, favor Rev. W. J. Perdue..... | 50 00 |
| July | 8—Paid President's order favor Rev. W. A. Bartley | 50 00 |
| July | 9—Paid do. favor of Rev. J. S. Jarratt..... | 50 00 |
| August | 8—Paid do. favor of Rev. J. S. Jarratt..... | 25 00 |
| Sept'r | 16—Paid do. favor Rev. W. M. Bartley..... | 50 00 |
| Nov'r | 20—Paid do. favor Rev. J. S. Jarratt..... | 75 00 |
| Nov'r | 28—Paid do. favor Rev. A. Menaeos..... | 50 00 |
| Dec'r | 3—Paid do. favor Rev. J. C. Waddill..... | 100 00 |
| Dec'r | 9—Paid do. favor of Rev. C. A. Derby..... | 25 00 |
| Dec'r | 17—Paid do. of 16th July, favor Rev. A. F. Dobb.. | 25 00 |
| 1862. | | |
| Jan'y | 31—Paid do. favor Rev. J. S. Jarratt..... | 75 00 |
| Feb'y | 27—Paid do. favor Rev. C. A. Derby..... | 75 00 |
| April | 16—Paid do. favor Rev. J. A. Wheelock..... | 100 00 |
| May | 1—By balance carried down..... | 1,124 47 |
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THOMAS W. McCOY, Treasurer.

MOBILE, May 1, 1862.

The convention then proceeded to the election of the Standing Committee of the Diocese. George F. Boone and H. A. Lowe were appointed tellers.

A vote by orders was called for.

The ballot being counted, the Rev. J. M. Mitchell, Rev. G. F. Cushman, D. D., of the Clergy, and Messrs. Phelan and Bell, having a majority of both orders, were declared elected members of the Standing Committee for the ensuing year. There being a failure to elect one clerical and one lay member of the Standing Committee, on motion balloting was dispensed with, and the Rev. J. H. Ticknor and S. G. Jones were nominated and elected *vive voce* members of the Standing Committee for the ensuing year.

On motion, the rule of order requiring the election of deputies to the Council was suspended and the election postponed.

The Secretary then presented the proposed constitution of the P. E. Church in the Confederate States of America.

The following resolution was presented :

Resolved, That this convention do hereby accede to the proposed constitution of the P. E. Church in the Confederate States of America.

The Treasurer presented his accounts, which on motion were referred to the committee on Finance.

BISHOP'S FUND in account with HENRY A. TAYLOR, Treasurer.

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| 1861—May 1.—By balance..... | | \$118 10 |
| “ 1.—By cash received at Convention, (see abstract)..... | | 3,087 49. |
| “ To cash paid Right Rev. N. H. Cobbs..... | \$ 475 00 | |
| “ “ 3.—To cash paid Mrs. L. L. Cobbs.. | 2,525 00 | |
| “ “ 3.—To cash paid A. W. Ellerbe..... | 87 49 | |
| 1862—May 1.—To balance..... | 118 10 | |
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| 1862—May 1.—By balance..... | | \$118 10 |

CONTINGENT FUND in account with HENRY A. TAYLOR, Treas.

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| 1861—May 1.—By balance..... | | 56,96 |
| “ “ 5.—Cash received at Convention (see abstract)..... | | 177 30 |
| “ “ 5.—By St. Alban's, Gainesville, as- sessment 1860..... | | 2 40 |
| | | <u>\$236 66</u> |
| “ Nov. 25.—To cash paid Messrs. Farrow, for printing and distributing Jour- nals in part..... | \$ 50 06 | |
| “ Nov. “ —To cash paid Rev. J. H. Ticknor by order of President Stand- ing Committee..... | 4 00 | |
| 1862—May 1.—To cash paid Messrs. Farrow & Dennett, for printing..... | \$188 55 | |
| “ “ 1.—By balance due me. this day..... | 0 00 | 689 |
| | <u>\$243 55</u> | <u>\$243 55</u> |
| “ “ 1.—To balance brought down..... | | 6 89 |

The reading of the “Proposed Constitution” was called for.

The Secretary read the “Proposed Constitution.”

On motion, the convention adjourned until 9 o'clock, to-mor-
row.

CHRIST'S CHURCH, MOBILE, }
Friday, 9 o'clock, a. m. }

The convention met pursuant to adjournment.

After Prayer by the Rt. Rev. President, the minutes were
read and approved.

The convention proceeded to the consideration of the "Proposed Constitution," and after discussion it was adopted unanimously.

The convention proceeded to the election of Deputies to the General Council, and a vote by orders being called for, Rev. Messrs. Beard and Jarratt were appointed Tellers.

Rev. J. C. Waddill and H. A. Schroder appeared, and took their seats.

Upon counting the votes, it appeared that—

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| 1. Rev. F. R. HANSON, | 1. A. W. ELLERBE, |
| 2. Rev. J. M. MITCHELL, | 2. |
| 3. Rev. H. N. PIERCE, | 3. J. D. PHELAN, |

were elected.

On motion, rules of order were suspended, and S. G. Jones was nominated and elected as the second of the Lay Deputies.

The convention proceeded to the election of alternate Deputies, which resulted in the choice of—

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| 1. Rev. J. M. BANISTER, | 1. R. S. BUNKER, |
| 2. Rev. J. A. MASSKY, | 2. W. G. JONES, |
| 3. Rev. J. J. NICHOLSON, | 3. H. A. TAYLOR, |

The committee on the State of the Church made the following report, which, with the accompanying resolutions, was received and adopted:

The Committee on the State of the Church would report that they are gratified to find, from the documents referred to them, that notwithstanding the confusion and excitement caused by the unnatural and cruel war which has raged in the country for the last twelve months, the Church seems steadily to have advanced and increased in numbers and influence. The anxiety and distress caused by the war seem to have sobered the minds, and softened the hearts of our people, and caused them to turn in faith and hope to God.

The number of candidates for holy orders in the Diocese is as large as usual. As many, or more persons have been confirmed than in any preceding year. The parochial reports show that in almost all the churches and congregations the number of communicants has increased.

The committee would earnestly urge on the ministers and members of the church the importance of sustaining liberally the Diocesan Missionary Society, and Missions generally of the Church in the Confederate States.

In conclusion we would congratulate the Diocese on the consecra-

tion and arrival among us of our present Diocesan. We hope that he will every where be received and welcomed in the spirit of the Gospel, and that the bonds of kindness and charity which have so long held us together in peace and love, will by his influence be strengthened and firmly established.

We feel that this Diocese owes a debt of gratitude to the late venerable presiding Bishop of the Church in the Confederate States, the Right Rev. William Meade, of Virginia, for the sacrifice he made in attending the consecration of our present Episcopal seat. We heard with sincere sympathy the just and eloquent allusions made by the Bishop of the Diocese in his address to the convention, to the circumstances attending the death of that great and good man. We would recommend to the convention to pass the following resolutions to express their grateful sense of their obligations to the late venerable presiding Bishop—their respect for his memory and their sympathy with his family and the Church of Virginia.

Resolved, That the Church in Alabama has heard with profound sorrow of the death of the Rt. Rev. William Meade, and hereby expresses its deep and earnest sympathy with his bereaved family and Diocese.

Resolved, also, That the Church in Alabama remembers and acknowledges its peculiar debt of gratitude to the late presiding Bishop, on account of the efforts which he made at the consecration of our Bishop elect, which, in all human probability, hastened his death—that solemn act having been the last of his long and useful ministry in the Church of God.

All which is respectfully submitted,

F. R. HANSON,

Ch'n of Com. on State of the Church.

The committee on Unfinished Business made the following report, which, on motion, was received.

The committee on Unfinished Business have examined the Journal of the last convention and find no business laid over for action in this convention—R. D. Nevius, Chairman.

The Rt. Rev. President called the Rev. H. N. Pierce to the chair.

The committee on Finance made the following report, which was received, and the accompanying resolutions adopted:

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The committee on Finance have examined the accounts of the Treasurer of the Convention, and find them correct, and recommend the adoption of the following resolutions, to-wit:

Resolved, That the assessments in the Parishes for the support of the Episcopate of the Diocese, and the contingent fund remain the same as for the past year; that assessment will be found on the 17th

and 18th pages of the Journal of the last convention, to which reference is here made.

Resolved, That the salary of the Bishop commence from the first day of January last, the date at which he resigned his former charge.

SAM'L G. JONES, Ch'n.

The Report of the Trustees of the Bishop's Fund was received and adopted to-wit :

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF BISHOP FUND.

In the absence of the Treasurer this Fund, I have ventured for the information of the convention to submit the following Report :

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| Permanent Fund at last Report..... | 3,831 91 |
| Interest on same for 12 months..... | 306 55 |
| Special Fund..... | 23,561 80 |

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| Of this amount there have been funded by the purchase of Public securities..... | \$12,500 00 |
| Loaned on individual security..... | 5,100 |
| Still in hands of the original subscribers..... | \$10,600 26 |

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I have the pleasure of stating in conclusion, that while the interest on that portion of the fund in the hands of individuals has been paid with commendable punctuality, the entire interest on the public securities held by the Trustees has been paid, notwithstanding the adversity of the times which the Trustees regard as the best guarantee for the prompt payment of accruing interest.

SAM'L G. JONES, Trustee.

On motion, the following resolutions were adopted :

Resolved, as the sense of this Convention, that alterations in the use of the Prayer Book ought not to be left to canonical regulations, but should be regulated by rubric.

Resolved, That the clerical and lay Deputies from this Diocese to the next General Council be instructed to present to that body the sense of the Diocese as contained in the foregoing resolution.

On motion—

Resolved, That when this convention adjourn it adjourn to meet in St. Stephen's Church, Eutaw, on the first Thursday in May, 1863.

The following resolution was presented, and on motion, referred to the committee on Canons to report at the next convention :

Resolved, That the first section of the third Canon be amended by striking out the word "parishioners" and inserting the word "communicants."

Samuel G. Jones was re-elected a Trustee of Hamner Hall.

Thos. W. McCoy, of Mobile, was re-elected Treasurer of the Diocesan Missionary Society.

On motion—

Resolved. That the Secretary be authorized to have printed 500 copies of the Journal of this convention as early as practicable.

On motion—

Resolved, That this convention tender its thanks to the churchmen of Mobile, and especially to the vestry and parishioners of Christ Church for their hospitality to its members.

Rev. J. F. Smith appeared and took his seat.

On motion, the minutes of the convention having been read, were adopted, and after some remarks, and prayer and benediction by the Bishop, the convention adjourned *sine die*.

R. H. WILMER, President.

HENRY A. TAYLOR, Sec'y.

ghost, and by the name of "Fannedale Chapel," a tasteful and appropriate building erected by Mrs. Louisa M. Harrison for the benefit of her servants. The beauty and truly church-like character of this chapel is in full keeping with the pious liberality which prompted so suitable an offering to Him who is the God of the bond as well as the free. During the services, in which I was assisted by Rev. Messrs. Hanson, Stickney, Waddill and Whitesides, one person was confirmed, belonging to a neighboring Diocese.

On Sunday, July 7th, in St. John's Church, Montgomery, I admitted to the Order of Priests, Rev. Wm. M. Bartley, Deacon.

In St. Paul's Church, Selma, July 9th, I gave authoritative baptism to a clergyman who had previously received it only in its form. The Rector of the Church and the Rev. Wm. C. Crane, of Mississippi, acted as witnesses.

Sunday, July 14th, I preached twice in Trinity Church, Demopolis, and confirmed six persons, two of whom were members of St. Andrew's Church, Macon.

Sunday, 21st, I preached at Bladen Springs, and baptized one infant.

My second visitation was made in the month of September.

On the 4th day of that month, I consecrated and set apart to the worship of Almighty God, Calvary Church, Pushmataha. I was assisted in the services by the Rev. Messrs. Smith and Waddill.

The following day I preached at Butler, the Seat of Justice of Choctaw county.

My next appointment was for St. James' Church, Livingston, where I preached twice, Sept. 8th, and confirmed one person. A continuous rain had prevented the services of the preceding day.

At Gainesville, I preached on the evening of the 9th.

On the 11th and 12th, I preached at St. Mark's Church, Greene county.

At Eutaw, 13th and 14th, I preached three times, baptized one infant, and confirmed one person.

Sunday, 15th, and Monday, 16th, were spent in Tuscaloosa. The Holy Communion was administered, and five persons received the Apostolic rite of confirmation.

At Greensboro', I preached three times, (18th and 19th) administered the Holy Communion, and confirmed eight persons.

On Saturday, 21st, I was to have consecrated "St. John's Church in the Prairies," but was confined to my bed by painful sickness. The next day I was enabled not only to set apart that chaste and appropriate structure to the worship of Almighty God, but also to administer the Holy Communion, and to confirm two persons.

My next visit was to Demopolis, where I preached on the 23d and

and 24th, administered the Communion, baptized one adult, and gave the "laying on of hands" to four persons.

September 25th and 26th, were spent in Uniontown. I preached on both days. Five persons were confirmed—one of them was a slave. On leaving the place, I could not help feeling and expressing regret that the neighboring parish of St. David's had not been included in the list of my appointments.

Friday, 27th, was given to St. Michael's Parish. In the forenoon I preached and confirmed four persons; and in the afternoon, accompanied by the Rector, rode six miles to administer that Apostolic rite one who was prevented by illness from receiving it at the church.

Saturday, 28th, I preached at Prairieville, and confirmed one person. The next day (Sunday 29th) I preached at the same place in the forenoon, and in the afternoon at the Chapel erected by Mrs. McRae, for the benefit of her slaves. On this latter occasion I had the pleasure of laying my hands on ten of this dependent and too much neglected race. The good deed thus done by Mrs. McRae and Mrs. Harrison in providing for the spiritual instruction of their slaves, is assuredly recorded in Heaven. May it draw down the fulness of all blessing upon them and their households, and the example be followed by hundreds of others who lie under no less obligations to their numerous servants, and are possessed of sufficient ability to provide for their spiritual necessities.

October 1st, I baptized an infant near Newbern, and preached the same evening and the following morning in that place.

October 3d, I preached twice in Marion, confirmed one white and one colored person, and baptized one infant.

The 5th, 6th and 7th, were given to Selma. I preached twice, confirmed two persons, and admitted the Rev. Charles A. Derby, (Deacon) to the order of the Priesthood.

In the afternoon of Saturday, the 5th, I rode down to Cahaba, preached that evening, and confirmed two persons.

This brings to a close the enumeration of the few services which I have been enabled to perform in accordance with the request of your Committee. It will thus appear that I have baptized six infants and two adults, confirmed one hundred and fifteen persons, of whom nineteen were slaves; have ordained one Deacon and two Priests, and have consecrated four churches to the worship of Almighty God. In addition to these public ministrations, I visited from house to house in every place as often as my limited time and imperfectly restored health would admit. And I record with grateful remembrance the cordial reception which met me at every door. From the clergy I received every kind attention, as well as needed help in the performance of my duties. To the Rev. Mr. Hanson especially, who accompanied and conveyed me through the greater part of my

visitation, I feel myself much and lastingly indebted. In every parish it was a pleasure to me to recognize the influence of your late beloved Diocesan in the sound teachings of your clergy, and in the consistent lives and fervent love for the Church which characterized the Laity. May the Spirit of Grace and of all true counsel guide you in the choice of one, who will not only rule over you in the fear and in the love of God, but will be to you, as was his saint-like predecessor, a pattern of humility, purity, and fervent zeal in every good work. Believe me truly, and affectionately, your brother and fellow-worker.

W. M. GREEN,
Bishop of Mississippi.

Clerical Changes.—The Rev. W. M. Bartley has relinquished his Missionary charge at Opelika and vicinity; the Rev. J. B. M. Podélupe that of the French and German Mission, Mobile, and the Rev. W. D. Christian the charge of the Good Shepherd, Mobile, and has accepted a Missionary appointment in Pickens county. The Rev. S. F. Phillips has resigned the Rectorship of Trinity Church, Florence, and the Rev. Jacob S. Shipman the Rectorship of Christ Church, Mobile. The Rev. A. F. Dobb has accepted the Missionary charge of St. Stephen's Church, Eutaw, the Rev. H. Sansom, D. D., the Rectorship of Christ Church, Mobile, and the Rev. R. H. Cobbs, the Rectorship of St. Paul's Church, Greensboro'.

The candidates for Orders now in the Diocese, are C. A. Bradford, C. A. Clarkson, F. C. Duggar, R. C. Stocton, S. W. Roberts, and E. G. H. Nicholson.

The members of this committee, with the exception of the lay member recently elected to fill the vacancy caused by the decease of the much lamented Morris J. Conley, have now served the Diocese in this capacity for several years. They are grateful for the confidence the convention has thus reposed in them, and they do not wish even to seem unwilling to discharge, to the best of their ability, any responsibility which may hereafter be devolved upon them; but deeming it highly expedient that the committee, or at least a majority of its members, should be located near the Bishop of the Diocese, the present members of the committee respectfully beg that they may not be considered by this convention candidates for re-election.

JNO. M. MITCHELL. President.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

The Rector of Christ Church, Mobile, respectfully reports to the Bishop of the Diocese the following statistics, taken from the Register of his Parish :

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| Baptisms—White, adults, 5, infants 16, colored 1..... | Total, 22 |
| Confirmations—White | 40 |
| Marriages—White | 8 |
| Funerals..... | 8 |
| Communicants found in connection with the parish..... | 180 |
| Added 52, present number..... | 232 |
| Sunday School—Teachers 23; Scholars, white, 175; col'd 12.... | 210 |
| Communions administered..... | 18 |
| Communion offerings..... | \$581 40 |
| Collection for soldiers' families..... | 270 00 |
| Contributions for Church improvements..... | 575 00 |

It will be but proper to say that this report is made from the 1st of August, 1862, the time I entered upon the Rectorship of the Parish. .

H. SANSOM.

CHRIST CHURCH, TUSKALOOSA.

Rev. R. D. NEVIUS, Rector.

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| Baptisms—White, adults 1; infants 5..... | Total, 6 |
| Baptisms, colored, adults 0; infants 8..... | Total, 8 |
| Confirmations—White 5; colored 0..... | Total, 5 |
| Burials—White 5; colored 2..... | Total, 7 |
| Communicants—White, at last report, 110; added 11, died 5; removed 16; present number 100; colored at last report, 6; present number 6..... | Total, 106 |
| Sunday School—Teachers 5; scholars 27 | Total, 32 |
| Communions administered | 15 |
| Communion Offerings..... | \$60 00 |
| Collections—Diocesan Missions..... | 47 00 |
| Church purposes generally, not recorded. | |

Time spent in the Parish in the performance of its regular duties since last report, 12 months.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, GREENSBORO'—Rev. R. H. COMBS, Rector.

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| Baptisms—White, adult, 4; colored 2..... | Total, 6 |
| " Infants | 5 |

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| Confirmations | 8 |
| Communicants—Present number..... | 70 |
| Sunday School—Teachers, 6 ; scholars..... | 42 |
| Collections—Missions in Southwest..... | \$38 00 |
| " Diocesan Missions..... | 21 00 |
| " Church purposes..... | 71 30 |
| Communion administered..... | 10 |
| Marriages..... | 1 |

The rite of confirmation was administered by the Right Rev. the Bishop of Mississippi. The present Rector took charge of the Parish on the first of September, 1861, and since that time has spent 8 months in the regular discharge of his parochial duties.

TRINITY CHURCH, DEMOPOLIS—Rev. THOS. J. BEARD, Rector.

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| Baptisms—White, adult, 3 ; infant 17..... | 20 |
| " Colored, infant, 2..... | 2 |
| Marriages—White, 1 ; colored 4..... | Total, 5 |
| Burials—White, 5 ; colored, 2..... | Total, 7 |
| Communicants—White, at last report, 27 ; added 10, present No. 37 | |
| Colored, at last report, 1 ; added 6, present No | 7 |
| Sunday School—Teachers, 8 ; scholars..... | 50 |
| Library Books—About..... | 800 |
| Communions Administered..... | 5 |
| Communion Offerings..... | \$27 55 |
| Collections in behalf wounded and sick soldiers | 93 00 |

Time spent in Parish since last report, 12 months.

April 30th, 1862.

ST. JAMES' PARISH, LININGSTON—Rev. S. U. SMITH, Rector.

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| Baptisms—Infants..... | 3 |
| Confirmations | 1 |
| Communicants | 22 |
| Communicants at the last report, 25 ; died 1 ; present No..... | 22 |
| Marriages—White, 1 ; blacks, 1..... | 2 |
| Burials—Infants 2 ; adults 1..... | 3 |
| Communions administered..... | 10 |
| Communion Offerings..... | \$5 70 |

Time spent in the Parish, 12 months. Service first and third Sundays.

ST. MARK'S, FORK OF GREENE—Rev. S. U. SMITH, Rector.

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| Baptisms—Infants | 3 |
| Communicants, at the last report 14 ; died 1 ; present No..... | 12 |
| Communions administered..... | 10 |

Communion Offerings.....\$1 75
 Time spent in the Parish, 12 months. Service second and fourth
 Sundays.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, MONTGOMERY.

Rev. J. M. MITCHELL, Rector.

Baptisms—White, adults 11; infants, 29; colored infants, 5.....45
Confirmations—White24
Marriages—White 6; colored 4.....10
Funerals—White 13; colored 1.....14
Communicants—White, at last report, 163; added 81; re-
 moved 16; present No.....173
 Colored, —; present No.....10
Sunday School—Teachers, 17.....17
 Scholars—White, 120; colored 30.....150
Library Books.....800
Communion administered.....16
Collections—Diocesan Missions.....\$110 00
 Domestic Missions (for Bp. Lay)..... 130 00
 Bible, Pr. Bk. and Tract Soc'y at Charleston. 35 00
 For Soldiers wounded in Virginia..... 220 00
 For miss'y to sick and wounded in Virginia.. 50 00
 Orphan Asylum..... 260 00
 Church purposes generally..... 309 00

Total.....\$1,114 00

The Rector of this Parish gratefully acknowledges much valued assistance in his labors during the past year from the Rev. J. Avery Shepherd, Rector of Hamner Hall.

The services of the Church, notwithstanding the absence of so many of the congregation on military duty, have been uniformly more numerously attended than in any previous year.

ST. WILFRID'S MARION—Rev. W. A. STICKNEY, Officiating.

Baptism—White, infants, 8; adults, 1; colored infants, 10.. Total, 19
 Certified, 1; colored, —;.....1
Confirmation—White, 1; colored, 1.....2
Communicants—White, at last report, 55; added, 7; re-
 moved, 1; died, 1; present No.....60
 Colored, at last report, 8; added, 1; present No....9
Funerals—White, 2; colored, 1.....3
Communion administered.....28
Communion Offerings.....\$50 40

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| Collections—Diocesan Missions | 21 00 |
| Foreign | 3 70 |
| Domestic | 12 80 |

Time spent in the Parish in the performance of its regular duties, since last report, twelve months—an occasional absence to convocations.

Service and instruction for the colored congregation every Sunday afternoon.

The Litany and other marked days, part of the year, observed by their proper services. During Lent an increased frequency of prayers.

All national fast and thanksgiving days duly regarded.

The Lindisfarne School is yet in operation, bearing its share of weakness in the Nation's calamities.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, CARLOWVILLE, AND COUNTY LINE STATION—Rev. F. B. LEE, Rector.

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| Baptisms—White, infants, 5 ; colored, 7 | 12 |
| Marriages—Colored, 3 | 3 |
| Funerals—White, 3 | 3 |
| Communicants, at last report, 48 ; present No. | 53 |
| Colored, ; added, 1 ; present No. | 17 |
| Communion administered | 18 |

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, LOWNDES—Rev. C. A. DERBY, Rector.

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| Baptisms—White, infant, 1 ; colored, adult, 2 | Total, 3 |
| Communicants—White, 12 ; colored, 8 | Total, 20 |
| Communion Administered | 6 |
| Collections—Diocesan Missions | \$10 00 |

Time spent in the Parish in the performance of its regular duties since last report, twelve months.

Services in St. Peter's Church three Sundays in each month. Until recently, the Rector had been officiating twice in each month, at Benton, and once in each month at Col. McCord's residence, for the benefit of his servants. There are in the Parish several candidates for confirmation.

The Rector failed to state in his last report that for six months he had officiated at Autangaville two Sundays in each month, morning and evening.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, SELMA—Rev. J. H. TICKNOR, Rector.

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| Baptisms—White, adults, 2 ; infants, 9 | Total, 11 |
| Confirmations—White | 2 |
| Marriages—White | 2 |

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| Funerals—White, 9; colored, 1..... | 10 |
| Communicants—White, at last report, 60; added, 3; died, 1; removed, 4..... | 58 |
| Sunday School—Teachers, 5; scholars, white, 30, | 35 |
| Library Books..... | 200 |
| Communion administered..... | 14 |
| Communion Offerings..... | \$74 00 |
| Collections, for charitable purposes..... | 75 00 |

Time spent in the Parish in the performance of its regular duties since last report, twelve months.

The Easter collection for Diocesan Missions was not taken, on account of the inclemency of the weather. It will be taken, Providence permitting, next Sunday.

The bell of this church has been *lent* to the Government.

It is hoped that the various afflictions of the year past have been sanctified to the spiritual improvement of the church and congregation.

ST. LUKE'S PARISH, CAHABA—Geo. F. Cushman, D. D., Rector.

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| Baptisms—White, adults, 2; infants, 10..... | Total, 12 |
| Colored, ; infants, 20..... | 20 |
| Confirmations—White..... | 6 |
| Marriages—White..... | 1 |
| Funerals—White..... | 8 |
| Communicants—White, at last report, 86; added, 1; died, 1; removed, 3; present No..... | 32 |
| Sunday School—Teachers, 4; Scholars, white, 19..... | 19 |
| Library Books..... | 225 |
| Communion Administered..... | 12 |
| Offerings..... | \$316 05 |
| Collections—For Hospital..... | 41 00 |

Time spent in the Parish in the performance of its regular duties, since last report, 12 months.

ST. ANDREWS' CHURCH, MACON—F. B. Hanson, Rector.

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| Baptisms—White, infants, 4..... | Total, 4 |
| Confirmations—White, 1; colored, 10..... | Total, 11 |
| Deaths—White, 2..... | 2 |
| Communicants—White, at last report, 26; added, 1; re- moved, 2; present No. 25..... | 25 |
| Communion administered..... | 8 |
| Communion Offerings..... | \$24 80 |
| Collections—Diocesan Missions..... | 64 72 |

Time spent in the Parish in the performance of its regular duties, since last report, 12 months.

TRINITY CHURCH, MOBILE—Rev. J. A. MASSRY, Rector.

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| Baptism—White, adults, 14 ; infants, 55..... | Total, 69 |
| Colored, infants, 2..... | 2. |
| Confirmations—White, 54..... | 54 |
| Marriages—White, 18 ; colored 10..... | 28 |
| Funerals—White, 45 ; colored, 2..... | 47 |
| Communicants—White, at last report, 206 · died and re- moved, 15 ; present No..... | 220 |
| Sunday School—Teachers, 12 ; scholars, 130..... | 130 |
| Library Books..... | 300 |
| Communion Administered—In private, 5 times ; in pub- lic, 14 times..... | Total, 19 |
| Communion Offerings..... | \$291 55 |
| Collections—Domestic Missions..... | 44 60 |
| Church purposes generally..... | 449 40 |
| Time spent in the Parish since last report, 12 months. | |

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS, UNIONTOWN.

Rev. R. A. COBBS, Rector.

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| Baptisms—White, adults, 1 ; infants, 9..... | Total, 10 |
| Colored, infants, 3..... | Total, 3 |
| Confirmations—White, 4 ; colored, 1..... | 5 |
| Marriages—Colored, 3..... | 3 |
| Communicants—White, at last report, 25 ; added, 5 ; died, 2 ; present No. 28 ; colored, present No. 1.. | Total, 29 |
| Communion--Number of times administered..... | 11 |
| Communion Offerings..... | \$13 15 |
| Collections—Diocesan Missions..... | 13 85 |
| Thank offering after the Battle of Manassas.... | 25 70 |

Time spent in the Parish in the performance of its regular duties since last report, 12 months.

Besides experiencing its due share of the many evils which the unnatural war now waging has brought on our whole country, this Parish has been called on to endure a grief peculiarly its own, in the loss of its Senior Warden, D. W. Pitts, Esq., who on the memorable 21st of July, 1861, offered up his life in defense of his country's rights. Honest and straight-forward in his dealings as a man—humble and unostentatious, but sincere in his duty—and liberal in his contributions to the support of the church, he has left behind him a void which will not be easily filled.

ST. DAVID CHURCH, DALLAS—Rev. R. A. COBBS, Rector.

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| Baptisms—White, infant, 1..... | 1 |
| Funerals—White, 2..... | 2 |

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| Communicants—White, ; present No. 11..... | 11 |
| colored, ; present No..... | 12 |
| Communion Administered—In church 2; in private, 4..... | Total, 6 |

Besides holding services on two Sunday afternoons in each month as often as circumstances would allow, I have bestowed upon this Parish as much time and attention as my other engagements have permitted.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, MOBILE—H. N. PIERCE, Rector.

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| Baptisms—White, adults, 11; infants, 67..... | Total, 78 |
| colored, adults, 2; infants 2..... | Total, 80 |
| Confirmations—White, 34..... | 84 |
| Marriages—White, 15; blacks, 4..... | 19 |
| Communicants—White, at the last report, 184; added, 25; died 1; removed, 1; present No..... | 155 |
| Sunday School—Teachers, 15; scholars..... | 130 |
| Communion administered..... | 18 |
| Communion Offerings..... | \$263 50 |
| For the poor..... | 582 15 |
| For church purposes in general..... | 1,815 88 |

Time spent in the Parish, a little more than 10 months. About two months were occupied in attending the General and Diocesan Conventions. Of the amount raised for the poor, \$425 00. was the result of a fair held by the Ladies; and in the amount of monies raised for church purposes generally, the offertory for the Rector's support is included.

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH, MARENGO COUNTY

Rev. JOHN Y. GHOLSON, Rector.

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| Baptisms—White, adult, 1; colored, adult, 1; infants, 2.... | Total, 4 |
| Confirmations—White, 5..... | 5 |
| Marriages—Colored 1..... | 1 |
| Burials—White, 1; colored, 1..... | Total, 2 |
| Communicants—Added since last report, 7; removed, 1; present No..... | 28 |
| colored, present No..... | 30 |
| Communion administered..... | 12 |
| Collections—Diocesan Missions..... | \$54 75 |
| Domestic Missions..... | 11 00 |
| For sick and wounded soldiers in Alabama hos- pitals at Richmond..... | 25 50 |

Time spent in the Parish in the performance of its regular duties since last report, 9 months.

Since the last convention, Bishop Green has made two visits to the Parish. Upon the first occasion, he consecrated Faunsdale Chapel. That edifice, situated upon the plantation of one of the Parishioners, and erected for her servants only, is now complete. It is of unusual beauty and elegance, an ornament to the Diocese and a tribute to the spiritual welfare of servants, which deserves imitation. During the two visits of the Bishop, he confirmed six persons—one a member of a neighboring Parish.

Stated services for the servants are still regularly held upon the plantations of the Parish on Sunday afternoons.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, LOWNDESBORO—Rev. J. F. SMITH, Rector.

Baptisms—White, adults, 2; infants, 8.....Total, 10
 colored, 0; infants, 9.....9
 Funerals.....1
 Communicants—White, at last report, 19; present No.....19
 Communion Administered.....6
 Communion Offerings.....\$10 28

Time spent in the Parish in the performance of its regular duties since last report, 12 months.

CALVARY CHURCH, PUEBLO, COLO.

Rev. J. C. WADDILL, Rector.

Baptisms—White, adults, 1; infants, 3.....Total, 4
 colored, adults, 1.....1
 Confirmations—Colored, 2.....2
 Marriages—White, 1.....1
 Funerals—White, 1; colored, 1.....2
 Communicants—White, at last report, 16; removed, 3; present No.....13
 Colored, at the last report, 1; added, 1; present No.....2
 Sunday Schools—Teachers, 6; scholars, white, 40; colored, 27;
 Total, 67
 Library Books.....75
 Communion Administered—(Private, 2).....13
 Communion Offerings.....\$13 80
 Collections—Diocesan Missions.....5 00

Time spent in the Parish in the performance of its regular duties since last report, 12 months.

Our church was consecrated in September last, by Rt. Rev. Bishop Green. Frequent removals have greatly diminished our number. I continue to officiate monthly, at Butler, but no cheering prospects are visible to report.

Seven church families reside near this place. Owing to my scholastic engagements, I was compelled at the commencement of the year to cease officiating at Mt. Sterling.

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD, (COLORED)—MOBILE.

Rev. J. A. MASSEY, Officiating.

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| Baptisms—Adults, 4 ; infants, 9..... | Total, 13 |
| Confirmations..... | 18 |
| Marriages..... | 3 |
| Funerals..... | 3 |
| Communicants..... | 41 |
| Sunday School—Teachers, 6..... | 6 |
| Communion Administered..... | 12 |

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, MOBILE—Rev. J. J. NICHOLSON, Rector.

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| Communicants..... | 30 |
| Confirmations..... | 1 |
| Sunday School—Scholars, about 45 ; teachers, 5..... | 45 |
| Weekly Offertory..... | \$161 80 |
| Devoted in alms..... | \$ 25 00 |
| To Rector..... | 186 80--161 80 |

This report covers that portion of the year between the last Annual Convention and the 5th Sunday after the Epiphany.

Owing to an accumulation of labors, the Rector resigned the Parish about the last named period.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, SPRING HILL.

Rev. J. J. NICHOLSON, Rector.

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|-------------------------------------------------------------|----|
| Communicants—Added by removal, 5 ; new, 4 ; present No..... | 17 |
| Baptisms—(Infants) white, 7 ; colored, 1..... | 8 |
| Adults..... | 3 |
| Confirmations..... | 4 |
| Funerals..... | 1 |

This church was consecrated by the Rt. Rev. Bishop Green, on the 24th day of June, 1861.

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| Sunday School—Teachers, including Rector, 3 ; scholars, about.. | 30 |
| Contributed as a present to the Rector by a few families.... | \$125 00 |
| Contributed in alms..... | 36 50 |

We started here with the weekly offertory, but it turned out so small an amount that it was abandoned.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, CAMDEN--Rev. W. J. PERDUE, Rector.

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| Baptisms—White, adults, 1 ; infants, 10..... | Total, 11 |
| colored, adults, 1 ; infants, 44..... | 45 |

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| Confirmations—Whites, 6; colored, 0..... | 6 |
| Marriages—Colored, 2..... | 2 |
| Funerals—White, 8..... | 8 |
| Communicants—White, at last report, 15; added, 9; present No. 18 Colored, at last report, 2; removed, 1; present No. 2 | |
| Sunday School—Teachers, 4; scholars, 16..... | 16 |
| Communion Administered..... | 10 |
| Communion Offerings..... | \$12 25 |

We have a school every Sunday afternoon for the religious instruction of the negroes. It is taught by five or six ladies of the congregation. The average attendance is not less than 80; and the interest manifested by both instructors and negroes most gratifying and encouraging. The instruction is, of course, all oral, and consists of the Creed, the Lord's Prayer, the Ten Commandmentt, and other parts of the Church Catechism, together with the repeating and singing of Bishop Ken's morning and evening hymns.

TRINITY CHURCH, AUBURN.

The undersigned, Rector of Trinity Church, respectfully reports to the Bishop, that, in connection with the charge of the church in Chattanooga, Tenn., he still continues to hold services once a month at this place.

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| Families—Number of..... | 2 |
| Baptisms—White, adults,..... | 2 |
| Communicants—Added, 1; removed, 2; present No..... | 3 |
| Funerals..... | 2 |

Great results cannot be looked for at this point for the present, as the church, though of long standing, is comparatively small—the community being largely sectarian. As there has been no Episcopal visitation, there have been no confirmations during the past year.

ED. DENNISTON.

COLORED MISSION, RUSSELL COUNTY.

At the plantation of Judge Echols, there is also held a monthly service for the benefit of his slaves.

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| Baptisms—Infants, colored, 2..... | 2 |
| Communicants—White, 2; colored, 9..... | 11 |
| Marriages—Colored, 1..... | 1 |

In the limited time the Missionary has to devote to this place, he could accomplish little were it not for the valuable assistance of Mrs. Echols. The services are entirely an individual effort, though they are well attended by servants from the neighboring plantations.

ED. DENNISTON.

ST. STEPHEN'S, KUTAW—Rev. A. F. Doza, Missionary.

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| Baptisms—White, adults, 2 ; infants, 1..... | Total, 3 |
| Confirmations..... | 1 |
| Marriages..... | 2 |
| Funerals..... | 1 |
| Communicants—White, present No..... | 21 |
| Sunday School—Teachers, 5 ; scholars..... | 20 |

This report includes a period of nine months, from the 20th of July, 1861, to the 20th April, 1862.

The church has been open twice on Sundays, twice during the week, and daily through Lent.

While we trust that this Parish will ere long become self-supporting, for the present it of necessity continues a Missionary Station.

ST. MATHEW'S CHURCH, AUTAUGAVILLE

Rev. J. F. SMITH, Rector.

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| Funerals..... | 1 |
| Communicants—White, at last report, 9 ; present No..... | 9 |
| Communion Administered | 3 |
| Communion Offerings..... | \$6 00 |

Time spent in the Parish in the performance of its regular duties since last report, 10 months.

The Rev. Chas. A. Derby officiated in this parish until about the 1st of July last, when he being unable to continue, I assumed the Rectorship about that time, and the above report only includes the time I have officiated.

PRATTVILLE MISSION—J. F. SMITH, Officiating.

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| Baptisms—White, adults, 0 ; infants, 2..... | Total, 2 |
| Communicants—White, at last report, 17 ; died, 1 ; present No. 16 | |
| Communion Administered..... | 1 |

Time spent in the Mission since the last report, 12 months.

The distracted state of the country has materially interfered with the interests and prospects of the Church at this hitherto very promising Mission.

GREENVILLE MISSION—JAS. S. JARRATT, Missionary.

The Missionary for Lowndes, Butler and Montgomery counties begs leave to submit the following report:

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| Baptisms—White, infants, 2..... | 2 |
| Marriages—White, 2 ; colored, 1..... | 3 |
| Communicants | 2 |
| Confirmations—2 belonging to Christ Church, Pensacola..... | 2 |

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| Burials—White, 1 ; colored, 2..... | 3 |
| Communion Administered..... | 2 |
| Communion Offerings..... | \$3 25 |

Time spent in the performance of ministerial duties, about eleven months.

Since last convention I have kept up regular services at Greenville twice a month, and at Snow Down twice a month, but have held occasional services at several other places. On the Friday before the 3d Sunday in advent the new church at Greenville was opened for religious services, which were continued for three days. Present, the Rev. J. M. Mitchell, and the Rev. J. F. Smith. The congregations have been generally good and attentive, but owing to the civil disturbances, but little visible good has been accomplished.

REPORT OF REV. J. A. WHEELOCK, GAINESVILLE.

MY DEAR BISHOP :—It has been impossible for me to get to Mobile this week. My neighbors who started Monday came back and reported that all travel down the road was prohibited, so far as the public was concerned. The only boat this week leaves to-day. I regret it very much, as I suppose the convention will be small, and I have never yet attended a convention in the State. My report is very short. I have baptized, adults, 1 ; infants, 2 ; burials, 1.

I have officiated regularly every Sunday, when health and weather permitted, and administered communions every month. Hoping you will soon be with us, I remain, my dear Bishop,

Very affectionately, &c.,

J. A. WHEELOCK.

REPORT OF REV. W. D. CHRISTIAN,

RESIDING IN PICKENS COUNTY, ALA.

To the Right Rev. R. H. Wilmer :

RT. REV. AND DEAR BISHOP—I hereby tender my report for the conventional year, ending in May, 1862. The first part of this year I was in charge of the African Church of the Good Shepherd, in Mobile. In August or September I relinquished this charge, and from Mobile I went to Columbus, Miss. On some occasions during my stay there, I assisted the Rector in the services. I also officiated on two or more Sundays in the Parish of Shuenluk, Miss. In November, I began holding services in Pickens county, Ala., and in December I removed my residence to this county.

I have held services in four different places in the county, viz: Carrollton, Pickensville, Yorkville and Bridgeville. I do not expect, however, to continue officiating in this county. I have met with but one church family in the county, viz—Dr. Payne's family, residing near Yorkville. Dr. P. is a worthy gentleman, and has

cherished the desire of seeing the church planted in his community. Besides this family, there is also another member of the church in the county—a lady. I have baptized one infant in the county at the residence of Dr. Payne. I have also performed one colored marriage, I believe, in Mississippi.

BRIDGEVILLE, Pickens Co., May 3, 1862.

OBITUARIES.

DIED—At his residence, near Montgomery, on the 11th September, 1861, **MORRIS J. CONLEY**.

A member of this convention, and of the Standing Committee of this Diocese, and for thirty-two continuous years chosen by this convention as a *delegate* to represent the Diocese in General Convention—a man whose example of stirring integrity and devotion to the work of Christ, in His Church, will remain in the traditions of this Diocese another proof that—"The memory of the just is blessed."

DIED—On the 15th October, 1861, at Montgomery, while on a transient visit, **REV. H. F. M. WHITESIDES**, for a short time a modest, earnest, and humble worker in this Vineyard of the Lord.

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| " T. J. BEARD, Deacon,..... | St. James' Church, Eufaula. |
| " W. D. CHRISTIAN, Deacon,..... | Missionary in Perry County, Marion. |
| " R. A. COBBS,..... | Church of the Holy Cross, Uniontown. |
| " R. H. COBBS,..... | St. Paul's Church, Greensboro'. |
| " GEO. F. CUSHMAN, D. D.,..... | Missionary in Dallas Co., Portland. |
| " A. F. DOBB, Deacon,..... | St. Alban's Church, Gainesville. |
| " J. Y. GHOLSON..... | St. Michael, Marengo County, Uniontown. |
| " F. R. HANSON,,..... | St. Andrew's Church, Macon. |
| " J. S. JARRATT,.... | Miss'ry in Butler and Mont'gy Co's, Montgomery. |
| " F. B. LEE,..... | St. Paul's Church, Carlowville. |
| " J. A. MASSEY..... | Trinity Church, Mobile. |
| " A. MENEOS..... | St. John's in the Prairies, Greensboro'. |
| " J. M. MITCHELL,..... | St. John's Church, Montgomery. |
| " R. D. NEVIUS,..... | Christ Church, Tuscaloosa. |
| " J. J. NICHOLSON..... | Chaplain C. S. A and Missionary in Talladega and Jacksonville, Talladega. |
| " H. N. PIERCE,..... | St. John's Church, Mobile. |
| " HENRY SANSOM, D. D.,..... | Christ Church, Mobile. |
| " S. U. SMITH,..... | St. Mark's Church, Forkland. |
| " J. F. SMITH,..... | St. Paul's, Lowndesboro', and St. Matthew's, Autauga County, Lowndesboro'. |
| " W. A. STICKNEY,..... | Canebrake Mission, Uniontown. |
| " J. H. TICKNOR,..... | St. Paul's Church, Selma. |
| " J. C. WADDILL..... | Selma. |
| " EDWARD McCLURE, (Diocese of Tenn.) Officiating in | St. Wilfrid's Marion. |

NOT IN ATTENDANCE.

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*A. BENNETT.

St. Luke's Church, Cahaba.

*J. A. LODOR, E. M. PERINE,
W. L. SALTMARSH, M. TROY,
J. L. EVANS,

Trinity Church, Mobile.

B. A. WHITAKER, G. F. BOONE,
WM. FLASH, S. W. CAYCE,

St. John's Church, Mobile.

W. T. WALTHALL, J. V. FOWLER,
G. F. JOHNSTON, W. D. PROUT,
D. HARRIS,

St. David's Church, Dallas Co.

*A. W. ELLERBE.

Trinity Church, Demopolis.

D. F. PROUT, F. S. LYON.

Church of the Holy Cross, Union- town.

J. L. PRICE, J. M. LANGHORNE
*E. SHIELD.

St. Michael's Church, Marengo Co.

*D. MINGE, J. W. DuBOSE,
R. H. ADAMS, G. W. H. MINGE,

St. Andrew's Church, Macon.

*W. P. BOCOCK, J. W. TALOE,
*H. A. TAYLOR, J. H. DuBOSE

St. Wilfrid's Church, Marion.

L. M. WALTHALL, *P. LOCKETT,
W. M. BROOKS, D. LOCKHART,
S. EVERLITH.

St. John's in the Prairies.

*J. L. CHARLES, *A. S. NELSON,
E. BAYOL, J. L. PEARSON,

St. John's Church, Montgomery.

†J. D. PHELAN, *S. G. JONES,
B. H. MICOU, J. MORRIS,
P. T. SAYRE.

St. James' Church, Livingston.

*THOMAS COBBS, L. F. WHITEHEAD

St. Paul's Church, Selma.

*A. G. MABRY, I. MORGAN,
C. D. PARKE, *J. A. SMITH,
R. N. PHILPOT.

St. Peter's Church, Lowndes County.

*R. P. McCORD.

St. Paul's Church, Carlisle.

H. L. ALISON, J. M. LEE,
T. B. LEE, B. REYNOLDS.

* Those marked thus were in attendance.

† The Hon. J. D. Phelan came to Greensboro to attend the Council, but was too much indisposed to be present at its sessions.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, GREENSBORO', }
Thursday, May 7, 1861. }

This being the day appointed for the meeting of the Thirty-Second Annual Council of the Diocese of Alabama, the clergy and laity assembled in St. Paul's, Greensboro'.

Divine service commenced at 10½ o'clock, a. m. Morning Prayer was read by Rev. Messrs. Ticknor, Massey and Hanson; and the Anti-Communion Service by the Bishop.

The sermon was preached by the Rev. Wm. A. Stickney from 2d chapter of II. Timothy, 3d verse:

"Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ."

After the sermon, the Rev. R. H. Cobbs and Rt. Rev. R. H. Wilmer, D. D., read the Communion Service, and the Bishop administered the Holy Communion, assisted in the distribution of the elements by the Rev. Messrs. Hanson and R. H. Cobbs.

After the Benediction, the Council was called to order by the Bishop.

Rt. Rev. R. H. Wilmer, D. D., presented a list of the clergy in accordance with the Canons:

Postoffices.

- Rt. Rev. R. H. WILMER, D. D.....Greensboro'
- *Rev. J. B. AVIRETT, (Deacon) Chapl. C. S. A., Richmond, Va.
- " J. M. BANISTER.....Church of the Nativity, Huntsville.
- " T. J. BEARD,...Officiating in St. James' Church, Eufaula.
- " WM. BINET.....St. Paul's Church, Mobile Co., Mobile.
- " WM. D CHRISTIAN, (Deacon) Officiating in Perry County,
Marion.
- " R. A. COBBS.....Church of the Holy Cross, Uniontown.
- " R. H. COBBS.....St. Paul's Church, Greensboro'.

- Rev. *THOS. A. COOK.....Residing in Talladega.
- " GEO. F. CUSHMAN, D. D., Miss'nary, Officiating in Dallas
County, Portland.
- " A. F. DOBB, (Dea.) Officiating in St. Alban's, Gainesville.
- " J. Y. GHOLSON.....St. Michael's Church, Marengo Co.
- " *J. B. GRAY, (Deacon).....temporarily in Maryland.
- " F. R. HANSON, St. Andrew's Church, Marengo Co., Macon.
- " J. S. JARRATT, Miss'y, Officiating in Butler and Lowndes
Counties, Montgomery.
- " F. B. LEE.....St. Paul's Church, Carlowville.
- " J. A. MASSEY.....Trinity Church, Mobile.
- " A. MENAEOS.....St. John's Church, in the Prairies,
Greensboro'.
- " J. M. MITCHELL.....St. John's Church, Montgomery.
- " R. D. NEVINS.....Christ Church, Tuscaloosa.
- " J. J. NICHOLSON.....Chaplain C. S. A., Officiating in
Talladega and Jacksonville, Talladega.
- " W. J. PERDUE.....St. Mary's Church, Camden.
- " *S. F. PHILLIPS.....Savannah, Ga.
- " H. N. PIERCE.....St. John's Church, Mobile.
- " *J. B. RAMSDALL.....
- " J. M. ROBERTSON...St. John's, Madison Co., Huntsville.
- " HENRY SANSON, D. D.....Christ Church, Mobile.
- " J. A. SHEPHERD.....Rector Hamner Hall, Montgomery.
- " S. U. SMITH.....St. Mark's Church, Fork of Greene,
Forkland.
- " J. F. SMITH.....St. Paul's Church, Lowndes Co.,
and St. Mathew's Church, Autauga Co., Lowndesboro'.
- " *J. B. T. SMITH.....Florence.
- " W. A. STICKNEY....."Canebrake Mission", Marengo
and Greene counties, Uniontown.
- " J. H. TICKNOR.....St. Paul's Church, Selma.
- " *J. C. WADDILL.....Selma.
- Clergy officiating, not canonically transferred :
- *Rev. EDWARD McCLURE (Diocese of Tenn.)St. Wilfrid's,
Marion.

Those marked thus (*) not entitled to seats.

Their names being called, the following clergy responded :

Rev. THOS. J. BEARD, Rev. GEO. F. CUSHMAN, D. D.,

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| Rev. W. D. CHRISTIAN, | Rev. A. F. DOBB, |
| " R. A. COBBS, | " R. H. COBBS, |
| " J. Y. GHOLSON, | " F. R. HANSON, |
| " S. U. SMITH, | " J. A. MASSEY, |
| " J. F. SMITH, | " A. MENÆOS, |
| " W. A. STICKNEY, | " J. M. MITCHELL, |
| " J. H. TICKNOR, | " R. D. NEVIUS, |

Rev. H. N. PIERCE,

The list of Parishes was then called, and certificates of election were presented and referred to a committee upon Certificates of Election, consisting of Rev. Messrs. S. U. Smith, J. F. Smith, and R. H. Cobbs.

The committee upon Certificates of Election having examined the same, reported them in due form, and the following Lay Deputies entitled to seats :

St. Paul's Church, Greensboro'—R. B. Waller, C. L. Stickney, J. G. Harvie, A. S. Jeffries. A. Benners.

St. Luke's Church, Cahaba—J. A. Loñor, E. M. Perine, M. Troy, W. L. Saltmarsh, J. L. Evans.

Trinity Church, Mobile—B. A. Whitaker, Geo. F. Boone, Wm. Flash, S. W. Cayce.

St. John's Church, Mobile—W. F. Walthall, J. D. Fowler, Geo. F. Johnston, W. D. Prout, D. Harris.

St. David's, Dallas County—A. W. Ellerbe.

Trinity Church, Demopolis—D. F. Prout, F. S. Lyon.

Church of the Holy Cross, Uniontown—J. L. Price, J. M. Langhorne, E. Shield.

St. Michael's Church, Marengo County—D. Minge, J. W. DuBose, R. H. Adams, G. W. H. Minge.

St. Andrew's Church, Macon—W. P. Bocock, J. W. Tayloe, H. A. Tayloe, J. H. DuBose.

St. Wilfrid's Church, Marion—L. M. Walthall, P. Lockett, W. M. Brooks, D. Lockhart, S. Everlett.

St. John's Church in the Prairies.—J. L. Charles, A. S. Nelson, E. Bayol, J. S. Pearson.

St. John's Church, Montgomery—J. D. Phelan, S. G. Jones, B. H. Micou, J. Morris, P. T. Sayre.

St. James' Church, Livingston—T. Cobbs, L. F. Whitehead.

Christ's Church, Tuscaloosa—J. M. Van hoose, P. Bryce, J. R. Blocker, D. Woodruff, P. Fitts.

St. Paul's Church, Selma—A. G. Mabry, I. Morgan, C. D. Parke, J. A. Smith, H. N. Philpot.

Their names being called, the following were found to be in attendance :

Messrs. Waller, Stickney, Harvie, Beniers, Lodor, Ellerba, Shield, D. Minge, H. A. Tayloe, Nelson, Bryce, Mabry.

A constitutional quorum being present, the President declared the convention duly organized.

On motion, *Resolved*, that a committee of three be appointed to report *Rules of Order*.

The President appointed A. Beniers, Rev. Messrs. Gholson and Menroe, said committee.

On motion, the Council adjourned until 5 o'clock, p. m.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, GREENSBORO',
5 o'clock, p. m.

Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

The committee on *Rules of Order* reported.

On motion, the report was received.

On motion, *Resolved*, that the *Rules of Order* reported by the committee be adopted as the *Rules of Order* of this Council. (See Appendix.)

H. A. Tayloe was nominated and elected Secretary.

Permission was asked to appoint an Assistant Secretary. Granted. Whereupon J. A. Loder was appointed Assistant Secretary.

On motion, *Resolved*, That clergymen belonging to the Diocese of Alabama, but not canonically settled to seats, visiting clergymen from other Dioceses and candidates for orders, be invited to take seats in this Council and report their names to the Secretary.

Whereupon W. M. Pettis, candidate for Orders, took a seat in the Council.

The President appointed the following standing committees :

Committee on the State of the Church—Rev. Messrs. Massey, Hanson, Stickney, Mitchell and Ticknor.

Committee on Canons—Rev. Messrs. Cushman, Pierce, R.

A. Cobbs, of the clergy; and Messrs. Phelan, Lodor and Ben-ners, of the laity.

Committee on Finance—Messrs. Ellerbe, Jones, Waller, T. Cobbs, Mabry, McCord.

Committee on Unfinished Business—Rev. Messrs. Nevius, R. H. Cobbs and Menæos.

The Standing committee made the following report :

The Standing Committee of the Diocese of Alabama respectfully report, that since the Convention in May, 1862, they have signed testimonials in favor of the Rev. Thomas Jefferson Beard, and the Rev. Alex. F. Dobb, Deacons, recommending them to the Bishop to be admitted to the Order of Priests, and of Mr. Wm M. Pettis, recommending him to be received as a Candidate for Orders.

GEO. F. CUSHMAN, Sec'y.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the 6th section of the 5th Rule of Order be suspended.

On motion, *Resolved*, that the Bishop be requested to postpone the reading of his Address until to-morrow 11 o'clock.

The committee appointed at the convention of 1861 to digest the constitution and canons, made the following report :

The committee to whom it was referred to digest the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese, and to make such amendments as the changed state of our political relations rendered expedient, beg leave to submit the following report :

They have performed the duty assigned them, and as the resolution under which they were appointed, in their judgment, contemplated only such verbal changes as the establishment of the Confederate States and of the General Council thereof made requisite, they have suggested but few alterations other than verbal ones. They have arranged the several subjects embraced in the Constitution and Canons under appropriate titles and sections, which they hope will meet with the approbation of the Convention.

In the preparation of this Digest, it has occurred to the Committee that some material changes might be made in the Constitution and Canons, which, if adopted, would promote the interests of the church. They will call the attention of the Convention to one or two of them, in the hope of one day seeing them become a part of our Canon Law. They would recommend such change in the Constitution as will require the annual meetings of the Council to be held at or near the residence chosen by the Bishop of the Diocese.

They would advise the appointment of a Diocesan Registrar, whose office should be located at the city or town near which the Bishop

shall reside, to whose charge all books, papers and documents belonging to the Diocese should be committed. Such Registrar should be required to keep a Diocesan Register, which, under appropriate heads, should be a duplicate of the several Parish Registers.

They would advise also a change by which the several Parochial Reports, instead of giving a summary of the condition of a Parish, should be a full report, giving the number and names of all communicants, baptized and confirmed persons, the names of all who have married or died, and such other matters as will enable the Council or the Bishop, upon inspection of such reports, to know the true condition, strength and material of which every Parish is composed. They would advise the preparation of a prescribed form by which the several Parish reports should be uniform. The committee do not suppose that the Convention will now adopt these several suggestions—they throw them out rather as a subject for thought, until God send us peace and prosperity again; they suggest no present action, save perhaps the appointment of the Committee to prepare the proposed Parochial form.

The committee would do themselves injustice did they not remark in closing that the labor of the committee has mainly devolved upon, or been performed by John A. Lodor, a member of the committee.

All of which, with the accompanying Digest of the Constitution and Canons, is respectfully submitted.

GEO. F. CUSHMAN, Chairman.

On motion, *Resolved*, that this Report be referred to the Standing Committee on Canons, with instructions to report at 9½ o'clock to-morrow morning.

On motion, the Council adjourned until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, GREENSBORO', }
Friday, May 8th, 9 o'clock, a. m. }

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

After prayer by the President, the roll was called and the minutes of yesterday were read.

Being amended, on motion, the minutes, as amended, were approved.

Rev. Messrs. F. B. Lee, J. M. Banister, Henry Sansom, D. D., J. J. Nicholson, J. S. Jarratt, appeared and took their seats.

The Rev. J. C. Waddill took a seat in the convention.

P. Fitts, a lay deputy from Christ Church, Tuscaloosa, appeared, and took his seat.

Certificates of Election were presented and referred to the committee upon Certificates of Election.

The committee upon Certificates of Election, after examining the same reported them in due form, and the following lay deputies entitled to seats :

St. Peter's Church, Lowndes County—R. P. McCord.

Christ Church, Mobile—R. S. Bunker, F. B. Clark, L. Scranton, George Cleveland, Henry Farrow.

Their names being called, R. P. McCord appeared and took his seat.

Rev. E. McClure, of the Diocese of Tennessee, appeared and took his seat.

The hour having arrived for the special order, the committee on Canons, to whom was referred the report of the Select Committee appointed to digest the Constitution and Canons, made the following report :

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CANONS.

The committee on Canons respectfully report, that they have had the Digest of the Constitution and Canons, with the proposed changes and amendments referred to them, under careful consideration, and do recommend its adoption, together with the changes made therein, viz :

That the words "United" and "Convention," and the words "Delegate," "Delegates," "Delegation" and "Delegations" be changed wherever they occur, to the words "Confederate," "Council," "Deputy," "Deputies," "representation" and "representations" respectively.

That the word "ecclesiastically" be inserted before the word "resided," in article 3, of the Constitution.

That article 7 be amended by adding to the end of it the words "by the President of the Council."

That in article 11 the word "any" be inserted before proposition, and the words "the Constitution so altered shall become valid" be changed to "shall become a part of the Constitution."

That Canon 1, § 1, be amended by transposing the words "that may be in his possession."

That to § 2, of the same Canon, be added the words "Provided that in churches in which the pews are neither owned nor rented by individuals, the qualifications of voters may be such as the Parish may determine."

That in § 3, the words "a pew-holder or" be stricken out, and that the words "and approve of the doctrine and worship of the Protestant Episcopal Church" be added to the end of the section.

That the last sentence of § 4 be stricken out.

That in § 5, "in his absence" be substituted for "in the absence of the Rector."

That in Canon 5, a "———" be inserted for the name of the town.

That in Canon 7, the last sentence be stricken out.

That in Canon 8, § 2, the words "according to the provisions of the Constitution" be transposed.

That in Canon 11, the word "shall," before "be considered," be stricken out.

That the new Canons at the end of the Digest be adopted.

That the Canon for the Trial of a Clergyman be repealed, and the accompanying Canons of the Board of Preliminary Inquiry and of the Trial of a Clergyman be adopted in their stead.

GEO. F. CUSHMAN, Chairman.

On motion, the report was received.

On motion, *Resolved*, that such alterations of the Constitution and Canons as are proposed by the committee on Canons, be considered *seriatim*.

The Council then proceeded to the consideration of the report of the committee on Canons.

Whereupon the alterations in the Constitution recommended by the committee were, on motion, severally approved by the Council.

The Council then by unanimous consent proceeded to the consideration of the proposed amendments to the Canons.

Whereupon the following amendments recommended by the committee were, on motion, severally concurred in by the Council, to-wit:

Canon I, § 1, to transpose the words "that may be in his possession" so as to insert them between the word "documents," and the word "belonging."

To § 2, add after the words "one vote" the words "Provided, That in churches in which the pews are neither owned nor rented by individuals, the qualifications for voters may be such as the Parish may determine."

In § 3 strike out the words "a pew-holder or" and add to the end of the section the words "and approve the doctrine and worship of the Protestant Episcopal Church."

§ 4 strike out the last sentence.

§ 5 strike out the words "In the absence of the Rector," and insert the words "In his absence."

The hour of 11 o'clock having arrived, the Bishop read his annual address :

ANNUAL ADDRESS OF BISHOP WILMER,

To the Council of the Diocese of Alabama, May 7th, 1863.

May 1, I attended the Diocesan Council of Alabama in Christ Church, Mobile, preached the opening sermon, and administered the Holy Communion. This and the day following were spent in attendance upon the sessions of the Council.

4th, Preached at St. John's Church, Mobile, in the morning, and confirmed 29 persons. In the afternoon, catechized the children in Christ Church, Mobile.

6th, Received into the Diocese of Alabama the Rev. A. F. Dobb, Deacon, by letters dimissory from the Bishop of Louisiana.

11th, Preached in St. Stephen's Church, Eutaw, morning and night, confirming 3 persons.

14th, Preached in St. Paul's Church, Greensboro'.

15th, Preached again in St. Paul's Church, Greensboro', confirming 2 persons. At night, in the same place, I joined together in Holy Matrimony Rev. R. H. Cobbs and Fannie Avery.

16th, Preached in St. Andrew's Church, Macon, Marengo county. This was the day set apart for humiliation, fasting and prayer, by recommendation of the civil authority.

On the same day I received testimonials from the Standing Committee of the Diocese, recommending the Rev. T. J. Beard, Deacon, to be admitted to Priest's Orders.

17th, Preached again in St. Andrew's Church, Macon, and confirmed one sick person in private. In the afternoon of same day, preached in the Chapel on Mrs. McRae's plantation, and confirmed 5 negroes.

18th, Preached in St. Michael's Church, Marengo co., and confirmed 3 negroes. In the afternoon, preached in Faunsdale Chapel and confirmed 6 negroes. I also administered the Holy Communion at the same service.

19th, Preached in the Church of the Holy Cross, Uniontown, confirming 3 persons.

20th, Preached in St. David's Church, Dallas county.

22d, Preached in St. Wilfrid's Church, Marion, and confirmed 8 persons, 2 of whom were negroes.

25th, Preached in St. Paul's, Greensboro', at morning service, and in the afternoon preached to the negroes in same church.

June 1. (Sunday after Ascension Day) Preached at "St. John's in the Prairies."

5th, Preached at Trinity Church, Demopolis, morning and afternoon, catechized the children and administered the Holy Communion.

8th, (Whit Sunday) Preached in Calvary Church, Pushmataha, and confirmed 1 person. In the afternoon, in same church, I joined together in Holy Matrimony, Rev. J. C. Waddill and Fannie James.

10th, Preached in St. James' Church, Livingston.

12th, Preached in St. Mark's, Fork of Greene.

15th, (Trinity Sunday) Preached in St. Alban's, Gainesville, morning and night, confirming 5 persons.

16th, Preached in St. Stephen's Church, Eutaw, and confirmed 4 persons.

17th, Preached again in same church and administered the Holy Communion.

22d, (1st Sunday after Trinity) Preached in St. Paul's, Greensboro'.

24th, Preached again in same church.

28th, Preached in the village of Dayton, Marengo county.

29th, (2d Sun. after Trinity) Preached in same church, and administered the Holy Communion. The congregation here is now supplied with ministerial services by the Rev. Messrs. Stickney and Gholson, officiating alternately once a fortnight on a week day.

July 13th, (4th Sunday after Trinity). Preached in St. Michael's, Marengo county, confirming 4 persons, 3 of whom were negroes. I also administered the Holy Communion.

20th, (5th Sunday after Trinity) Preached morning and afternoon in Christ Church, Tuskaloosa, and confirmed 4 persons.

21st, Preached in same church, on this and the following day.

27th, (6th Sunday after Trinity) Preached in St. Paul's Church, Greensboro'.

August 3d, (7th Sun. after Trinity) Preached in the Church of the Holy Cross, Uniontown, confirming 2 persons and administering the Holy Communion.

6th, Preached in St. David's Church, Dallas county, and confirmed 1 person.

10th, (8th Sun. after Trinity) Preached in St. Michael's, Marengo county, and in the afternoon of same day in Faunsdale Chapel.

13th, In Marion, confirmed 3 persons in private and administered the Holy Communion.

15th, Assisted at the opening services of "Greensboro' Convocation," in St. Paul's Church, Greensboro', and administered the Holy Communion.

17th, (9th Sun. after Trinity) Preached in St. Paul's Church, Greensboro', and confirmed 3 persons.

24th, (10th Sun. after Trinity) Preached in St. Paul's Church, Greensboro'.

31st, (11th Sun. after Trinity) Preached in St. John's Church in the Prairies.

Sept. 2d, Transferred the Rev. J. A. Wheelock, by letters dimissory, to the Diocese of Tennessee.

7th, (12th Sun. after Trinity) Preached in St. Paul's Church, Greensboro', and administered the Holy Communion. In the afternoon, catechized the children.

12th. Preached in Talladega, baptized 2 adults and 1 child, confirmed 2 persons, and administered the Holy Communion.

14th, (13th Sun. after Trinity) Preached in St. Luke's Church, at Jacksonville, confirming three persons and administering the Holy Communion. In the afternoon, after a sermon to the negroes by the Rev. W. A. Stickney, I catechized the children of the congregation.

This Parish has been kept up, in great part, through the instrumentality of a layman, who regularly reads the service, and diligently instructs the young people—an example worthy of imitation. The Rev. J. J. Nicholson now officiates, once a month, at this place, in connection with Talladega.

16th. Preached at St. John's Church, Ashville, twice, and administered the Holy communion. The congregation here and at Elyton are now without pastoral care. The Rev. Mr. Gray, whose Diaconate commenced among them so auspiciously, is detained in Maryland.

18th. Preached to the congregation at Elyton, and administered the Holy Communion.

21st, (14th Sun. after Trinity) Preached in the afternoon at St. Paul's Church, Greensboro', to the negroes.

28th. Failed to fulfil an appointment at Newbern, because of impassable roads.

Oct. 5th, (16th Sun. after Trinity) Preached at Newbern.

8th, Admitted William Montrose Pettis to be a candidate for Holy Orders.

12th, (17th Sun. after Trinity) Preached in St. Paul's Church, Greensboro'.

19th, (18th Sun. after Trinity) Failed, through sickness, to fulfil an appointment at St. Michael's, Marengo county.

21st, Licensed Wm. M. Pettis to act as Lay Reader. Received testimonials from the Standing Committee, recommending Rev. A. F. Dobb for Priest's Orders.

26th, (19th Sun. after Trinity) Preached in Trinity Church, Demopolis, catechized the children, and administered the Holy Communion.

Nov. 1st., Preached in St. Peter's Church, Lowndes county. This

church was without a Rector at the time of my visitation, because of the recent death of the Rev. Charles A. Derby. The Rev. F. B. Lee now officiates there once a month.

2d, (20th Sun. after Trinity) Preached in St. Paul's Church, Lowndesboro', and confirmed 12 persons, 9 of whom were servants of Mrs. Turner. I also administered the Holy Communion.

4th, I consecrated "St. Matthew's Church", Autaugaville. The Rev. Messrs. Jarratt and J. F. Smith were present and participated—sermon by myself.

At the request of the Rector, I joined together in Holy Matrimony Henry L. Houser and E. L. Whetstone.

6th, Preached to the congregation in Prattville. We have no church building in this village. The day was inclement and the attendance small.

8th, Failed to reach Auburn, because of an accident to the cars.

9th, (21st Sun. after Trinity) Consecrated "Emmanuel Church," Opelika. The Rev. Messrs. Hanson, Denniston and Beard were present, and participated in the services—sermon by myself. I also confirmed upon this occasion 8 persons, and administered the Holy Communion.

This building was erected under very discouraging circumstances, and was at last in great part completed and paid for through the untiring energy of one of the female communicants of this church, Mrs. Caroline E. Culver.

Nov. 12th, I participated in the opening services of the First General Council of the Church in the Confederate States, at Augusta, Ga. This Council was distinguished for the harmony which prevailed during the whole of its deliberations. The Canon law as settled by this Council, is not materially different from the code under which the Church has been governed for many years. The amendments and revisions which were made were the fruit of much patient deliberation.

14th, Preached in St. Paul's Church, Augusta, Ga.

18th, Participated in the services at the "Church of the Atonement," Augusta, Ga., on the occasion of an ordination by Bishop Elliott.

21st, Received the Rev. Wm. Binet into the Diocese by letters dimissory from the Bishop of Arkansas.

23d, Preached in Christ Church, Macon, Ga.

25th, Preached in St. James', Eufaula, and confirmed 8 persons. I also administered the Holy Communion. The Rev. Mr. Beard officiates here.

27th, Preached in St. John's Church, Montgomery, and confirmed 7 persons, 2 of whom were from Christ Church, Pensacola.

28th, Visited Hamner Hall. This institution owes its origin to

the zeal of your late beloved Bishop, and stands as a memorial among many others of his fruitful labors. The building, although not yet completed according to the original design, is sufficiently advanced to be occupied as a school, and is under the charge of the Rev. J. A. Shepherd. Mr. Shepherd, with the aid of his energetic wife, has succeeded in keeping up the exercises of this institution under many disadvantages. I spent some hours in examining into the condition of the school, and am glad to be able to recommend it to those who desire to send their daughters to a public institution.

30th, (1st Sun. in Advent) Preached in St. Paul's, Greensboro'.

Dec. 7th, Assisted at morning services in St. Paul's, Greensboro', and administered the Holy Communion.

11th, I joined together in Holy Matrimony, Rev. J. M. Mitchell and Martha M. Christian.

Dec. 20th, Preached in St. Paul's Church, Selma, morning and night.

21st, (4th Sunday in Advent) Preached in St. Paul's Church, Selma, in the morning, and confirmed 15 persons. In the afternoon, at request of the Rector, administered the Holy Communion to a sick person in private. At night preached again.

25th, (Christmas Day) Preached in St. Paul's Church, Greensboro', and administered the Holy Communion.

26th, Officiated at 2 marriages on the plantation of Mrs. Poe, in Greene county.

28th, (1st Sun. after Christmas) Preached in St. Paul's Church, Greensboro'.

1863—Jn'y 4th, Preached in St. Michael's Church, Marengo county, and confirmed three persons. I also administered the Holy Communion.

18th, Preached to the negroes on the plantation of Mr. A. S. Nelson, in Greene county.

25th, (3d Sun. after Epiphany) Preached in St. Paul's Church, Greensboro'.

29th, In Faunsdale Chapel I joined together in Holy Matrimony Rev. W. A. Stickney and Louisa M. Harrison. I administered also in the same chapel the Holy Communion.

Feb. 1st. At home, confined to the house by sickness.

8th, (Sexagesima Sunday) Preached in Christ Church, Tuscaloosa, morning and afternoon, confirming 12 persons.

15th, (Quinquagesima Sunday) Preached in St. Paul's Church, Greensboro'.

18th, (Ash Wednesday) I preached in St. Wilfrid's Church, Marion, and administered the Holy Communion. This church is now supplied by Rev. Edward MacClure, of the Diocese of Tennessee.

19th, I preached in St. Paul's Church, Selma.

20th, I preached in St. Luke's Church, Cahaba.

22d, (1st Sun. in Lent) I preached in St. Paul's Church, Carlowville, morning and afternoon, confirming 7 persons, two of whom were negroes, and catechizing the children.

24th, I preached at County Line, Dallas county, and confirmed 5 persons.

26th, I preached in St. Mary's, Camden.

March 1st, (2d Sun. in Lent) Administered the Holy Communion in St. Paul's, Greensboro'

15th, (4th Sun. in Lent) I preached at "St. John's in the Prairies" and confirmed 5 persons, 3 of whom were negroes.

22d, (5th Sun. in Lent) I preached in the morning at Trinity Church, Mobile. In the afternoon, after a sermon by the Rev. J. W. Rogers, of the Diocese of Tennessee, I addressed the congregation of the "Church of the Good Shepherd," and confirmed 5 negroes. Mr. Rogers has been laboring most faithfully during his exile from his Diocese, and has rendered most efficient service to the clergy in Mobile. He has devoted himself particularly to the Church of the Good Shepherd, with my hearty concurrence. In the evening of the same day I preached at Christ Church, Mobile.

25th, I preached at Trinity Church, Mobile, in the morning, and at Christ Church in the evening.

27th, I preached at Christ Church, Mobile, in the morning. (This was the day set apart by recommendation of the President of the Confederate States for Fasting, Humiliation and Prayer. It was most gratifying to observe the large attendance at all of our churches on this occasion. Devout gratitude is due to Almighty God for that he hath given us rulers who honor his Holy Name and devoutly seek his guidance and protection. We may be well assured that these frequent calls to prayer will not be in vain. In God's good time and in his own way he will grant us our heart's desire and fulfil all our mind, or else he will vouchsafe us abundantly above all that we have asked or even thought.)

28th, I confirmed in private a sick person belonging to St. John's Church, Mobile.

29th, (Sunday before Easter) In the morning, preached at Trinity Church, Mobile, and confirmed 15 persons, one of whom was a negro. Preached at St. John's Church in the afternoon and confirmed 19 persons. In the evening, after a sermon by the Rev. H. N. Pierce, I confirmed 28 persons in Christ Church, Mobile.

30th, (Monday before Easter) Preached at Christ's Church, Mobile, and confirmed 4 persons, one of whom belonged to Trinity Church. On the same day I confirmed a sick person in private, candidate presented by the Rector of Christ Church.

April 3d, (Good Friday.) I preached at St. John's Church, Mont-

gomery, and confirmed 13 persons. In the afternoon of same day, at same church, confirmed 8 persons.

4th, Visited the Church "Orphan's Home" in Montgomery. Here I found a group of interesting little ones. This institution owes its existence to the labors of Bishop Cobbs, and was very near his heart. On same day, (Easter Evening) assisted the Rector of St. John's Church at Morning Prayer, and confirmed a sick person in private.

5th, (Easter Sunday) I preached at St. John's, Montgomery, and administered the Holy Communion. In the afternoon, preached at St. John's (African) and confirmed 7 persons, 1 from Christ's Church, Pensacola. In the evening preached again at St. John's Church.

6th, (Easter Monday) Assisted the Rector of St. John's Church, Montgomery, in morning Prayer, and confirmed 2 persons.

12th, (1st Sunday after Easter) I preached in St. Paul's Church, Greensboro', and baptized the infant child of the Rev. R. H. Cobbs.

May 8d, (4th Sunday after Easter) Preached in St. Paul's, Greensboro', and confirmed 5 persons.

The following is a summary of my official acts during the preceding year.

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| Confirmations—White, 233 ; black, 45..... | Total 278 |
| Baptisms—Adults, 2 ; infants, 2..... | 4 |
| Marriages—White, 5 ; black, 2..... | 7 |
| Consecration of Churches..... | 2 |
| Candidates for Orders admitted..... | 1 |
| Lay Readers Licensed..... | 1 |

The clerical changes in the Diocese have been as follows :

The Rev. Charles A. Derby, late Rector of St. Peter's Church, Lowndes county, has been removed from our midst by death. Let us be mindful of his widow and children.

The Rev. J. A. Wheelock has taken letters dimissory to the Diocese of Tennessee.

The Rev. A. F. Dobb (Deacon) and the Rev. Wm. Binet have been received into the Diocese by letters dimissory from the Bishops of Louisiana and Arkansas, respectively.

The Rev. Edward McClure, of the Diocese of Tennessee, is officiating, with my consent, at St. Wilfrid's, Marion.

The Rev. J. J. Nicholson has resigned St. Paul's, Spring Hill, and officiates at Talladega and St. Luke's, Jacksonville. He has been succeeded in his late charge by the Rev. Wm. Binet.

The Rev. T. J. Beard, (Deacon) has been transferred from Trinity Church, Demopolis, to St. James', Eufaula.

The Rev. W. D. Christian, (Deacon) has been transferred from Pickens to Perry county, where he officiates upon sundry plantations.

some steps may not be taken, at this time, for the collection and preparation of materials for future publication.

Upon the present condition of affairs in the Diocese, I would observe that, notwithstanding the prevalence of war, the Church of Alabama has suffered less interruption of her services from hostile invasion than any of her sister churches in the Confederate States, with perhaps one exception. We have had, in addition to the labors of our own clergy, the valuable services of several clergymen from other Dioceses. At many points, the attendance upon public worship, and the number of persons confirmed, has been increased by the presence of refugees from the adjacent States.

The established congregations, with few exceptions, are supplied with stated services; and I am making constant efforts to fill existing vacancies, and to open new fields of labor, especially upon the plantations in the central part of the State.

In my efforts to supply the vacant Parishes, I meet with many hindrances. In some instances, the vestries are reluctant to assume pecuniary responsibilities, which they may not be able to discharge; in others, the clergy are unwilling to incur the expense of removal, in the absence of definite engagements. At present, there is little prospect of adding to the number of the clergy. Our candidates for Orders are not exempted from doing military service; and, consequently, we cannot look for many additions to the ministry from original sources.

Under all these circumstances, it behooves the clergy to make diligent efforts to multiply their labors, and greatly to extend them—redeeming the time, because the days are evil. And it behooves the laity, not looking upon their own things exclusively, to consent to such arrangements as shall admit of more extension of labor on the part of their clergy. To a certain extent, and within certain limits, the engagements between the Rectors and their Vestries may be highly expedient; but it must be borne in mind, that the vows of ordination, and the commission to preach the Gospel, cannot be narrowed within their private contracts upon a purely moneyed basis. If, with the present number of the clergy, we desire to see the church extended, there must be such distribution and extension of services as is compatible with the maintenance of the positions now occupied.

Upon the support of the clergy, I would remark, that, with some few exceptions, their incomes have been diminished, while the cost of living has increased perhaps fourfold. Notwithstanding, I have heard no complaints from them, but have remarked their cheerful acquiescence in the necessities of the times. This is as it should be. It well becomes those who preach Christ, to be examples of patience and contentment; that having learned themselves "to suffer need,"

they may be able to teach others also. It is far better that they should labor with their hands, and endure hardness, than that they should complain, being assured that they who "seek first the Kingdom of God and his righteousness" shall have added to them whatever is necessary to their subsistence. But our brethren of the laity, who are possessed of this world's goods, and who are under equal obligations to devote themselves living sacrifices unto God, would do well to consider how they can help to bear the burdens of their brethren of the clergy, "and thus fulfil the law of Christ." I am rejoiced to know that few of the laity of the Church have given themselves up to the pursuit of gain in this time of suffering. This is praiseworthy, for this is no proper time for any man to meditate upon schemes of self-aggrandizement. All selfishness should stand rebuked and appalled in view of so much calamity and want. Devout prayers should go up from our closets, our family altars and our sanctuaries that God would pour out his Holy Spirit, as of old, upon the church, and teach us how to live, under the rod of affliction, as becometh the Gospel of Christ. The times call upon us to be rich in good works, and especially in the works of beneficence. This is the spirit, which, itself the gift of God, would bring down upon the church the affluence of his grace. Hear what the Spirit saith unto the Church by the mouth of his Holy prophet Malachi: "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house; and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of Hosts, if I will not open you the windows of Heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it. And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the Lord of Hosts. And all nations shall call you blessed; for ye shall be a delightsome land, saith the Lord of Hosts."

In view of promises so large and rich, we wonder not when we read of the early disciples who "sold their possessions, and parted them to all men, as every man had need," that they "did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart"—with *gladness*, because with *singleness* of heart; "praising God and having favor with all the people."

It well becomes those who claim an Apostolical constitution and a primitive creed to emulate the deeds of the first christians, and to perpetuate their spirit.

It may well be doubted whether the Faith and Charity and Patience of the early confessors were possible, apart from the fiery trials through which they were called to pass. The Captain of our salvation was made perfect through suffering. It is "tribulation,"

we are told, and not prosperity. "that worketh patience; and patience, experience; and experience, hope."

It may be that God designs, through the instrumentality of great suffering, to purify his Church and to arouse his people to the long forgotten and neglected duties of self-denial and charity. His judgment begins with the House of God; because the Church, like salt, preserves the world, and the world is preserved for the Church, as the casket is for the jewel's sake. All the events that transpire upon this globe look to the extension and purification of the Church. The revolutions of States, the plottings of statesmen, the shock of arms and the fortunes of war, are only vitally important in so far as they bear upon this one consummation—the extension of that Kingdom which shall know no end, and which shall at last absorb all dominion into itself.

We have failed to gather the moral of our present national troubles if we have not learned that our sins have brought down upon us the displeasure of Almighty God. And if the multitude of our sins bears any proportion to the weight of our punishment, and we are taught that God dealeth with us mercifully and "not according to our iniquities," then how grievously must we have transgressed to have brought upon ourselves such calamities as those which now desolate our land.

In this connection, I call to your remembrance an extract from an address of your late Bishop. We should hear the words with peculiar solemnity when we call to mind that they are contained in the last address but one that he delivered to the Council of his Diocese. A tone of profound grief and prophetic sadness breathes in them. He speaks as a seer, and events have justified his solemn warnings. He speaks thus:

"There is great and urgent need of self-denial, for the great evil of the day is wordliness—is worldly conformity. Here, in worldly conformity, is the great hindrance—the great barrier to the growth of the Church. Here is the great reproach to the Church—it is this that weakens the influence and cripples the energies of the Church. This is the heavy weight that presses down and crushes out the heart and life of the Church—it is that drags down the Church from her high position, and, in public estimation, places her side by side with a corrupt and depraved world. Against the great besetting sin of worldly conformity, it was my purpose on this occasion to bear my distinct, solemn, formal and official testimony; but I forbear. When a whole country is submerged by a wide wasting inundation, it is too late to talk of dykes and levees; and all that a prudent man can then do is to flee to some eminence, and, if possible, to save his own life. I will only say, that when on all sides I find an eager and ravenous appetite for light, gay and worldly amusements,

and when I perceive this appetite to be fed and pampered by so many who call themselves christians, and who perchance pride themselves upon being zealous churchmen, I must be blind indeed, if I can see no danger; and I must have a hard heart not to be sad and cast down, when I remember how many parents are thus treasuring up for themselves, and for their children, sorrow against the day of sorrow, and "revelation of the righteous judgment of God."

May these earnest and prophetic words, coming from one who spoke to us while living, and who, though dead, yet speaketh, sink deep in our minds. Our troubles may not yet, despite appearances, be near their end; for all human foresight has proved itself so far, at fault. Oh! let us strive to rise to the height of the great argument which God is now holding with us. If we heed not the rod of war, by "turning away, every man from his iniquities," we may wither under the blight of famine, or be consumed before the blast of the pestilence. God would rather see us suffer than see us continue in sin; for it is *sin*, not *suffering*, that is the sting of death. And who that realizes what the words Death, Judgment, and Eternity mean, would not say "welcome all calamities which shall be sanctified to our good, which shall bring in their train, however dearly bought, the graces of Repentance, Faith, Hope and Charity."

A vast responsibility devolves upon us, brethren beloved, of the clergy. What a work opens to our view when we consider the relation of the Church to the world and that of the ministry to the Church. In this poor, sick, miserable, ignorant, fallen world, how vast a work is ours, when we learn, as good old Bishop Wilson tells us: "The poor are designed to excite our liberality—the miserable our pity—the sick our assistance—the ignorant our instruction—those that are fallen our helping hand." Let us then strive in all things to "approve ourselves as the Ministers of God, in much patience, in afflictions, in necessities, in distresses, in strifes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labors, in watchings, in fastings—by pureness, by knowledge, by long suffering, by kindness, by the Holy Ghost, by love unfeigned, by the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armor of righteousness on the right hand and on the left, by honor and dishonor, by evil report and good report; as deceivers, and yet true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold we live; as chastened, and not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things."

On motion, *Resolved*, That such portion of the Bishops Annual Address relating to the building of the Memorial Church be referred to a select committee of three.

On motion, *Resolved*, That that portion of the Annual Ad-

dress which relates to the subject of a memoir of the Rt. Rev. N. H. Cobbs, D. D., late Bishop of the Diocese of Alabama, be referred to a committee of two clergymen and two laymen, to be appointed by the President.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the balance of the Annual Address be referred to the committee on the State of the Church.

On motion, the convention adjourned until 4 o'clock, p. m.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, GREENSBORO',)
Friday, 4 o'clock, p. m.)

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

The President reported the following committees :

Committee on Memorial Church—Rev. J. M. Mitchell, J. G. Jones, A. G. Mabry.

Committee on Memoirs of Rt. Rev. N. H. Cobbs, D. D., late Bishop of the Diocese of Alabama—Rev. Messrs. Banister and Lee, of the clergy, and Messrs. Ellerbe and McCord, of the laity.

A motion was made to suspend the Rules of Order in order to add a new Rule of Order.

The following Rule of Order was presented :

RULE 14. The Council may at any time, upon a vote of the majority, resolve itself into a committee of the whole for the consideration and discussion of any matter.

Adopted.

The Council then resumed the consideration of the report of the committee on Canons ;

Whereupon the following amendments recommended by the committee were, on motion, concurred in by the Council :

Canon V, insert a "———" for the name of the place.

Canon VII, strike out the last sentence.

In Canon VIII, § 2, transpose the words "according to the provisions of the Constitution" so as to insert them between the word "itself" and the word "whether."

Canon XI, § 1, strike out the word "shall" before the words "be considered."

On motion, *Resolved*, That the following Canon be adopted, to-wit :

CANON I. (TITLE IV.)

Of the Repeal of Canons.

Whenever there shall be a repealing clause in any Canon, and the

said Canon shall be repealed, such repeal shall not be a re-enactment of the Canon or Canons repealed by the said repealing clause.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the following Canon be adopted, to-wit:

CANON II, (TITLE IV.)

Of the Enactment and Alteration of Canons.

§1. In all cases of future enactments the same, if by way of amendment of an existing provision, shall be in the following form: "Canon — (or section — of Canon —, or clause — of section — of Canon —) of Title —, is hereby amended so as to read as follows:"

And if the enactment is of an additional clause, section or Canon, it shall be designated as the next clause of a Canon or section, in the order of numbering of the Title to which the subject properly belongs; and if a Canon, or section, or clause be stricken out, the existing numbering shall be retained until a new edition of the Canons be directed.

§2. No proposed alteration of, or addition to the Canons shall be considered by the Council, (unless by unanimous consent) without one day's notice thereof in open Council; nor shall such alteration or addition be adopted during the same Council if two-thirds of the votes of both orders shall not concur therein, but in such case the same shall lie over for consideration until the next annual meeting of the Council.

§3. All former Canons are hereby repealed.

On motion, *Resolved*, That Canon XII, *Of the Trial of a Clergyman*, be repealed.

The Council then proceeded to consider the following Canons recommended by the committee, to be adopted instead of the aforesaid Canon XII.

P. Locket, Lay Deputy from St. Wilfrid's, Marion, took his seat in the Council.

Certificates of Election were presented and referred to the committee upon Certificates of Election. The committee upon Certificates of Election examined the same, and reported the certificate from St. Paul's Church, Selma, informal.

On motion, the report was received.

The committee upon Certificates of Election, report the certificate of St. Paul's, Carlowville, in due form, and the following Lay Deputies entitled to seats:

H. L. Allison, J. M. Lee, J. B. Lee, Benjamin Reynolds.

On motion, the Council adjourned until 9 o'clock to-morrow.

GREENSBORO', May 9, 1863.

Council met pursuant to adjournment.

The minutes of yesterday were read and confirmed.

W. P. Bocock, Lay Deputy from St. Andrew's Church, and F. B. Clark, Lay Deputy from Christ Church, Mobile, appeared and took their seats.

On motion, the order of the day was suspended.

The Treasurer of the Council presented his account, which, on motion, was referred to the committee on Finance, to-wit:

BISHOP'S FUND—To H. A. TAYLOR, DR.

1862.

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| May 1—By balance..... | 118 10 | |
| 2—By cash received at Convention..... | 2,617 34 | |
| 2—To cash paid Rt. Rev. R. H. Wilmer..... | 883 83 | |
| “ “ S. G. Jones..... | 397 29 | |
| “ “ A. W. Ellerbe..... | 139 31 | |
| “ “ Trustees of Bishop's Fund...1,243 41 | | |
| Nov. 7—By St. Paul's, Lowndesboro'..... | 10 60 | |
| To balance.... | 132 70 | |
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| May 1—By balance..... | 132 70 |
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CONTINGENT FUND—To H. A. TAYLOR.

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| May 1—To balance..... | 6 89 | |
| 1—By cash received at Convention..... | | 98 60 |
| 3—To cash paid Rev. J. M. Mitchell..... | 50 00 | |

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| May 1—To balance..... | 86 71 | |
| | | <u>\$93 60—98 60</u> |
| May 1—By balance..... | 36 71 | |

The committee on Finance made the following report, which, on motion, was received. and the accompanying resolutions adopted, to-wit;

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The Committee on Finance have examined the accounts of the

Treasurer of the Council, and had them read. They also recommended the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the following assessments be made upon the Parishes for the support of the Episcopate of the Diocese, and 10 per cent. upon the assessments, excepting St. John's in the Wilderness, for Contingent Fund.

| | Bishop's Salary. | |
|-------------------------------------------|-------------------|-------|
| Christ Church, Mobile | \$700 00 | 70 00 |
| Christ Church, Tuscaloosa | 275 00 | 27 50 |
| St. John's Church, Montgomery | 480 00 | 48 00 |
| St. Paul's Church, Greensboro' | 240 00 | 24 00 |
| Church of the Holy Cross, Uniontown | 100 00 | 10 00 |
| St. Andrew's, Macon | 90 00 | 9 00 |
| St. Paul's Church, Selma | 170 00 | 17 00 |
| St. James' Church, Livingston | 40 00 | 4 00 |
| Church Nativity, Huntsville | 210 00 | 21 00 |
| St. Paul's, Carrollville | 50 00 | 5 00 |
| St. Peter's, Howards county | 40 00 | 4 00 |
| St. John's Church, Tusculumbia | 25 00 | 2 50 |
| St. Luke's Church, Cahaba | 75 00 | 7 50 |
| St. David's Church, Dallas | 100 00 | 10 00 |
| Trinity Church, Demopolis | 75 00 | 7 50 |
| St. John's in the Wilderness | 24 00 | 2 40 |
| St. James', Eufaula | 85 00 | 8 50 |
| St. Stephen's Church, Eutaw | 50 00 | 5 00 |
| Trinity Church, Mobile | 200 00 | 20 00 |
| St. Mark's, Greene county | 40 00 | 4 00 |
| St. Wilfrid's, Marion | 60 00 | 6 00 |
| St. Luke's, Jacksonville | 35 00 | 3 50 |
| St. John's Church, Elyton | 10 00 | 1 00 |
| St. Michael's, Marengo | 100 00 | 10 00 |
| Trinity Church, Florence | 50 00 | 5 00 |
| St. John's Church, Mobile | 150 00 | 15 00 |
| St. Mary's, Camden | 40 00 | 4 00 |
| Grace Church, St. Stephen's | 15 00 | 1 50 |
| St. Paul's, Howardsboro' | 20 00 | 2 00 |
| St. Mary's, Mobile | 25 00 | 2 50 |
| St. Alban's, Gainesville | 30 00 | 3 00 |
| St. John's, Madison | 8 00 | 80 |
| Calvary Church, Choctaw | 10 00 | 1 00 |
| St. James', Claiborne | 10 00 | 1 00 |
| St. Paul's, Mobile | 25 00 | 2 50 |
| St. Matthew's, Autaugaville | 10 00 | 1 00 |
| St. John's in the Prairies | 50 00 | 5 00 |
| | \$3,642 00 | |

Resolved, That the Trustees of the Bishop's Fund pay to the Bishop of the Diocese, out of any funds in their hands, not especially appropriated, the sum of \$500, in addition to the salary heretofore pledged to the Bishop for the year ending May 1, 1863.

Resolved, That the salary of the Bishop be fixed for the future at the sum of \$2,000.

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Council pay Mrs. L. L. Cobbs her annual stipend of \$500.

Resolved, That Lay Deputies be requested to pay over immediately to the Treasurer of the Diocese the assessments for Contingent Fund.

The Treasurer of the Bishop's Fund made the following report. Received, to-wit:

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE BISHOP'S FUND.

At the date of the last published report, the Permanent Fund, May, 1861,

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| Amounted to the sum of..... | \$8,831 91 |
| Interest to May 1st, 1862 | 306 55 |
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| | 4,138 46 |
| Interest to May 1, 1863..... | 321 07 |
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| | \$4,459 53 |

Special Fund.

As the interest on this Fund is appropriated annually to the payment, in part, of the assessments upon the Parishes, for the Bishop's salary, it does not accumulate, and is consequently no larger than at the date of the last report, viz: 23,561 80. By the purchase and sale of certain stocks effected by Mr. S. G. Jones, there has been a considerable addition to the Funds in the hands of the Trustees, which amount, with any other sums, left in the hands of the Trustees or in the hands of the Treasurer of the Council, after having made the payments as directed by the resolutions of the Council, will be added to the Permanent Fund.

The investments now consist of notes of original contributions not collected—

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| | \$9,595 00 |
| 10 Bonds of the Ala. & Fla. R. R., of Fla., each 500..... | 5,000 00 |
| 7 Bonds of the Ala. & Miss. R. R. R., 500 each..... | 3,500 00 |
| Notes of parties to whom money has been loaned..... | 3,430 96 |
| Cash—say about..... | 9,000 00 |
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| | \$30,525 96 |
| W. F. Pierce—say..... | 246 00 |
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| | 30,771 96 |

The Special Committee on the Memorial Church, made the following report:

The Committee to whom was referred that portion of the Bishop's Annual communication to the Council which relates to the erection of a free church at Montgomery in commemoration of the life and labors of our late Rt. Rev. and Revered Diocesan, have had the same under consideration, and being deeply impressed with the conviction that this long contemplated testimony of grateful affection for the fragrant memory of a Father, who, being dead, yet speaks to us in remembered words and works, which continually awaken within

us all the better feelings of our hearts, should be no longer delayed, respectfully report and recommend the adoption of the following resolutions, to-wit:

Resolved, That a Board of Trustees, to be composed of three persons, one of whom shall be the Treasurer thereof, be elected by this Council to receive contributions for the erection of a free church at Montgomery, Ala., and to invest the same until they shall constitute a sufficient fund for the building of such an edifice as shall suitably attest the love we bear to the blessed memory of our late Rev. Father in God, the first Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Alabama.

2. That the initiatory step towards the raising of said fund be the voluntary offerings, in cash or their interest-bearing notes of persons present at this Council, such notes being made payable to the order of the Treasurer of the aforesaid Board of Trustees.

3. That each and every clergyman of the Diocese be requested to solicit as promptly as possible like offerings in his own Parish or elsewhere, and to remit the same, without any avoidable delay, to the aforesaid Treasurer.

4. That when the fund proposed to be raised shall have reached the sum of \$25,000; the Board of Trustees be and is hereby authorized to proceed at once to secure a site, procure plans and cause to be erected the Church edifice contemplated in these resolutions.

JNO. M. MITCHELL, Chm'n.

On motion, the report was received, and the accompanying resolutions were adopted.

The committee on Memoirs of the late Rt. Rev. N. H. Cobbs, D. D., made the following report, which, on motion, was received, and the accompanying resolutions were adopted, to-wit:

The Committee to whom was referred that portion of the Bishop's Address relative to the subject of the proposed memoir of the late Bishop Cobbs, respectfully report that they have had the matter under consideration, and that they most heartily concur in the suggestion of the Bishop and recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the clergy of the Diocese generally be requested to collect, both in Alabama and Virginia, material for a memoir of Bishop Cobbs, and that said material as collected be sent to the Rt. Reverend the Bishop of this Diocese, to be held by him subject to the future direction of the Council.

J. M. BANISTER,
F. B. LEE,
R. P. McCORD,
A. W. ELLERBE.

The Council then resumed the order of the day, whereupon the Canons recommended by the Committee on Canons, after amendment, were, on motion, adopted as follows, to-wit:

TITLE III.: OF DISCIPLINE.

CANON I.

Of the Board of Preliminary Inquiry.

How constituted.

§1. There shall be in this Diocese a Board of Preliminary Inquiry, to consist of three Presbyters, to be elected annually by the Council and to continue in office until their successors are chosen.

When and by whom to be summoned.

§2. Whenever charges in writing against any minister of this Diocese signed by either: 1, the Vestrymen, or a majority of them, of the Parish whereof the accused is a minister; or 2, by three male communicants of the church in good standing, of whom one at least is a Presbyter; or 3, whenever a minister of this Diocese shall have reason to believe that there are in circulation reports or charges affecting his moral, religious or clerical character, and shall demand of the Bishop a formal investigation of the same; or 4, whenever at his own instance the Bishop shall judge that such an investigation would subserve the interests of the Church, it shall be the duty of the Bishop to summon the Board of Preliminary Inquiry.

Summons in writing.

§3. The summons shall be in writing, and shall designate the time and place of meeting, of which thirty days' notice shall be given to the accused, and he may appear to rebut or explain away the rumors and charges so alleged.

Accused may appear.

How organized.

§4. It shall be the duty of every member of the Board to attend at the time and place designated, but a majority may proceed in the Inquiry. On assembling, the Board shall organize by choosing from among themselves a President and Secretary. In case of a vacancy in the Board, or when the person accused is a member of the same, the remaining members shall fill the vacancy. The sittings of the Board shall be private.

Vacancies.

Investigation how conducted.

§5. In conducting the investigation the Board shall institute such enquiries as they may deem advisable, and shall hear the accusations and charges and such proof as may be presented, together with such rebutting evidence and explanations as the party accused may offer, all which evidence taken shall be under the solemnity of an oath, or in writing, signed by the person or persons testifying, and shall then determine whether upon matters of law and fact as presented to them there is sufficient ground to put the accused upon his trial.

Adverse decision, how to proceed.

If a majority of the Board present shall be of opinion that there are sufficient grounds, they shall cause to be prepared a presentment, to be signed by such of the Board as agree thereto, which presentment so signed they shall transmit to the Bishop, and shall also furnish to the accused a copy of the same, and in all cases the presentment shall specify the grounds of accusation with reasonable certainty of time, place and circumstance.

If a majority of the Board present shall be of opin-

decision is favorable.

ion that there is not sufficient ground to put the accused on his trial, the charges, together with a certificate of the President of the Board of its refusal to make a presentment, shall be sent to the Secretary of the Council to be deposited among the archives of that House, and no proceedings shall thereafter be had by way of presentment on such charges except upon the affidavit of a respectable communicant of the church of the discovery of new testimony as to the facts charged, and setting forth what such testimony is.

Presentment.

When it must be made.

§6. No presentment shall be found in any case unless the alledged offence shall have been committed within three years, next before the day on which the summons to the Board was dated. But if the accused shall have been convicted of the alledged offence in a municipal court, notwithstanding three years may have elapsed since its commission, a presentment may be founded on charges delivered to the Bishop at any time within one year after such conviction.

Accused, when to be inhibited.

§7. If from the offence charged it shall appear to the Board of Inquiry that great scandal is likely to arise from the accused continuing to perform his clerical duties, the Bishop upon their recommendation may, after presentment is made, inhibit him from performing ministerial services until sentence shall be given.

CANON II.

Of the Trial of a Clergyman.

Offences for which a clergyman may be tried.

§1. Any Priest or Deacon amenable to the ecclesiastical authority of this Diocese, may be presented for trial on charges for the following offences, viz:

1. Crime or Immorality. 2. Holding and teaching publicly or privately and advisedly any doctrine contrary to that held by the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Confederate States. 3. Violation of the Constitution and Canons of the General Council. 4. Violation of the Constitution and Canons of this Diocese. 5. Any act which involves a breach of his ordination vows, or for conduct disgraceful to the clerical profession.

The Court how organized.

§2. There shall be an Ecclesiastical Court for the Diocese of Alabama to try such charges as may be preferred against any Priest or Deacon of said Diocese. It shall be composed of three Presbyters not members of the Board of Preliminary Inquiry. They shall be annually elected by the Council and hold their office until their successors are chosen. If a vacancy should occur in the court by death or removal, or by the accused being a member of the court, the vacancy shall be filled by the remaining members of the court.

Vacancies how filled.

The Bishop to summons the Court and the accused.

A presentment being made, as provided for by Title III., Canon 1, the Bishop shall forthwith appoint a time and place for the assembling of the court, the time being not less than six weeks nor more than four months, of which the accused shall have thirty days' notice by summons to appear and answer. The Bishop shall have

power, until the court assembles; to issue summons for such witnesses as he may deem necessary for the defence or for the support of the charges preferred.

The officers of the Court.

§3. The court being assembled shall appoint a President and Secretary, the first from their own body and the last from their own body or otherwise. They shall also appoint a Church Advocate, who may be of the profession of the law, and shall be a communicant of this church, and who thenceforward shall in all stages of the proceedings represent the church and be the party on the one hand while the accused is the party on the other. The accused may appear by counsel, but such counsel shall not consist of more than one person, and he also shall be a communicant of this church.

Accused may appear by counsel.

Of a Journment.

The trial may be public if the court or the accused require it so to be. The court shall have power to adjourn from time to time, and from place to place, within the Diocese. If it fail to meet on the day appointed, it shall stand adjourned to the next day, and from day to day for the space of three days, if it be not sooner formed; and if the whole number do not attend, and it appears probable that a full attendance cannot be had, those of the court who may be present, not being less than two, may proceed to trial.

Testimony, how taken.

The court shall cause the oral testimony for and against the accused to be written down, and together with the depositions and other evidence, read upon the trial, to be carefully preserved, and shall cause a record to be kept of its proceedings. The oath to the witnesses may be administered either by the court or by some officer authorized by law to administer an oath as the court may determine.

Contumacy.

§4. If the accused do not appear after due notice, or furnish satisfactory reasons for his non-appearance, the court may proceed to trial in his absence, or for good cause shown, may adjourn the trial to another day; and if he refuse or decline to appear, without satisfactory reasons, the court shall report him to the Bishop for contumacy, who shall thereupon pass upon him the sentence of suspension from the ministry. But such sentence may be revised by the Bishop if the accused within three calendar months shall report to him that he is prepared to undergo his trial, and shall appear for that purpose before the court; and if he do not so report himself and appear, the Bishop, in view of the charges in the presentment, may pass upon him the sentence of degradation from the ministry.

Sentence for the same.

Of depositions.

§5. Upon the application of the Church Advocate, or of the accused to the Bishop, a reasonable time before the trial, setting forth that the attendance of a material witness can not be had, he shall appoint a clergyman or layman as a commissioner to take the deposition of such witness, and the party so applying shall give to the other party not less than five days' notice of the time and place of taking the deposition. If the party to whom such notice is given shall reside more than forty

How to be taken.

miles from the place appointed for taking the deposition, an additional day exclusive of Sundays shall be allowed for every twenty miles. The examination shall be in writing, and shall be signed by the witness or witnesses, and the deposition certified by the commissioner and transmitted under seal to the court. The testimony so taken shall be upon oath, which may be administered by the commissioner or by an officer authorized by the law to administer an oath.

The verdict.

Proceedings to be sent to the Bishop.

§6. When the trial shall be gone through, the accused shall retire, and the court shall declare in writing, to be signed by the several members, or a majority of them, their decision on the charges contained in the presentment, distinctly stating whether they find the accused guilty or not guilty on the several specifications, and if guilty, determining what sentence in their opinion ought to be pronounced. They shall forward their decision, together with the evidence and the record of the proceedings, to the Bishop, whereupon the Bishop shall pronounce such sentence as shall to him appear proper, it being not of a higher grade than that determined by the court, and such sentence shall be final. But if, in the opinion of the Bishop, the accused ought to have a new trial, he shall have power to order it.

If the accused confesses.

Makes no plea.

§7. If at any time the accused shall confess the truth of the charges, the Bishop, such confession being made to him, or being certified to him by the court, shall proceed to pass sentence. If when put upon his trial before the court the accused shall neither admit nor deny the charges, he shall be regarded as pleading not guilty, and the trial shall proceed.

Proceedings to be reported to the Council.

§8. It shall be the duty of the Bishop to report to the Council at its next session after the trial of any clergyman, as herein provided, the finding of the court, and his sentence thereupon.

Case of Heresy.

§9. Any minister may be presented for holding and teaching doctrine inconsistent with that of this church by a Presbyter of good standing, but in no other mode, nor shall it be lawful for two or more persons to unite in such presentment. The trial shall proceed as herein provided, except in these particulars, viz: 1. The person making such presentment shall appoint the Church Advocate. 2. The trial may be at any time not exceeding one year after the date of the presentment. 3. The court shall consist of all the Presbyters entitled to seats in the Council, of whom a majority shall constitute a quorum, but the consent of three fourths of the members present shall be necessary to conviction.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Digest of the Canons reported by the committee as amended by the Council, be adopted.

(See Appendix.)

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Constitution as approved be referred to the consideration of the next Council.

(See Appendix.)

On motion, *Resolved*, That the thanks of this Council be tendered to John A. Ledor, Esq., of Cahaba, for his care and labor in preparing the Digest of the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese.

On motion, the Rules of Order were suspended.

The committee of Unfinished Business made the following report :

The Committee on Unfinished Business respectfully report, that on examination of the manuscript Journal of the Convention of the last year, they find in the business of the first day of that Convention the following resolution :

Resolved, That the first section of Canon III be amended by striking out the word "Parishioner" and substituting the word "Communicants"; action on this resolution to be referred to the next Convention.

The committee also report a resolution to make this business the special order for 4 o'clock this evening.

R. D. NEVIUS, Chm'n.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the consideration of the proposed amendment to Canon III be postponed till the next meeting of this Council.

The Council then proceeded to elect the Standing Committee. Rev. Mr. Beard and Mr. Thomas Cobbs were appointed Tellers.

The Rev. G. F. Cushman, D. D., Rev. J. M. Mitchell, and Messrs. Bell, Phelan and Jones declined re-election in order that the committee might be composed of members residing near the Bishop.

On counting the ballots, the following persons were found to be duly elected, to-wit :

Rev. F. R. Hanson, R. A. Cobbs, and J. H. Ticknor, and Messrs. A. W. Ellerbe and H. A. Tayloe.

Rev. L. R. Stundenmeyer, of the Diocese of Florida, appeared and took his seat in the Council.

The Rules of Order were suspended, and R. B. Waller was nominated and elected *vive voce* a member of the Standing Committee.

Report of Treasurer of Diocesan Missions was received.

(See Appendix.)

On motion, *Resolved*, That the thanks of the Council be returned to the Rev. J. M. Mitchell, Geo. F. Cushman, D. D., and Messrs. A. R. Bell, J. D. Phelan and S. G. Jones, late members

of the Standing Committee, for the able and faithful manner in which they discharged their duties while in office.

The Council then adjourned until 4 o'clock, p. m.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, GREENSBORO', }
Friday Afternoon, 4 p. m. }

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the election of Deputies to the General Council be postponed.

The committee on the State of the Church made the following report :

The Committee on the State of the Church, in considering the history and condition of the Diocese for the past year, feel that we have very peculiar cause for gratitude to God. As a Church, we have probably felt the evils of the cruel war, from which the whole land is now suffering, less than any other Diocese. Except in the valley of the Tennessee, the enemy has not until very recently, in a case scarcely worthy of mention, put his foot upon any portion of our soil ; nor except in the valley referred to, and in that only very briefly, have the services of the Church been interrupted during the entire war up to this time. When we contrast this state of things with the varied character of wrongs suffered by our brethren elsewhere, we feel that the Church in Alabama is called upon to render devout and special thanks to Almighty God.

Nor does the steady, onward progress of the Church seem to have been stayed. While in all respects, including even contributions to benevolent purposes, the reports from the Parishes, so far as received, are as gratifying as usual; the number of confirmations is larger than ever before reported to any Council of the Diocese.

The committee are gratified to mention that the attention given to the religious instruction of servants, both by the clergy and laity, they have good reason to believe is constantly increasing. And they cannot doubt that if the simple duty of masters in this respect were more frequently presented by the clergy, the laity would not fail universally to give to their negroes, as literally dependent upon them for the bread of life as for that which perisheth, the religious instruction they require.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. A. MASSEY, Chairman.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the word "Confederate" be substituted for the word "United" in the form of "Articles of Association."

On motion, the Council proceeded to elect the Board of Preliminary Inquiry by ballot.

The Rev. Messrs. R. A. Cobbs and A. Menæos, were appointed tellers.

The Rev. Messrs. Massey, Pierce and Lee, were duly elected.

On motion, the Council then balloted for members of the Ecclesiastical Court.

The Rev. Messrs. Banister, Mitchell and Sansom, were elected.

On motion, the following preamble and resolution were adopted unanimously, to-wit:

Whereas, the annual conventions of this Diocese have been Councils in fact, though not hitherto so named, therefore

Resolved, That the Secretary be instructed to entitle the proceedings of this body the "Journal of the Proceedings of the Thirty-Second Annual Council of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Alabama."

On motion, the Council proceeded to elect the Trustees of the Bishop's Fund, and Messrs. A. W. Ellerbe, S. G. Jones and A. R. Bell, were elected.

Thomas W. McCoy was then duly elected Treasurer of Diocesan Missions.

The Rev. J. M. Mitchell, and Messrs. C. T. Pollard and L. H. Anderson, were re-elected Trustees of the University of the South, and A. R. Bell, was re-elected Treasurer of the University of the South for the Diocese of Alabama.

Samuel G. Jones was then duly elected Trustee of Hamner Hall.

John A. Lodor was elected Treasurer of the Diocese of Alabama.

On motion, it was unanimously

Resolved, That the thanks of this Council be returned to Mr. H. A. Tayloe for the able and efficient manner in which he has served the Diocese as Treasurer for the last seventeen years.

The Rev. J. M. Mitchell, and Messrs. S. G. Jones and Josiah Morris, were then duly elected Trustees of the Fund for building the Memorial Church.

Ordered, That the Secretary cause to be printed two hundred copies of the proceedings of the adjourned meeting of the Thirtieth Annual Convention, of the Thirty-First Annual Convention, and of this Council.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the next Annual Council meet in

St. John's Church, Montgomery, on the 1st Thursday in May, 1864.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the thanks of this Council be tendered to the citizens of Greensboro' and vicinity for the hospitality with which it has been entertained.

The minutes of to-day were then read and confirmed, and after the singing of the *Gloria in Excelsis*, and Prayer and the Benediction by the Bishop, the Council adjourned *sine die*.

R. H. WILMER, President.

H. A. TAYLOR, Secretary,

J. A. LODGE, Assistant Secretary.

APPENDIX.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

CHRIST CHURCH, MOBILE—Rev. H. SANSON, Rector.

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| Baptisms—White, adults, 7 ; infants, 27..... | Total, 34 |
| Colored, infants, 2 | 2 |
| Confirmations—White | 38 |
| Marriages—White, 6 ; colored, 1..... | 7 |
| Funerals—White | 28 |
| Communicants—Added, 35 ; died, 4 ; removed, 13 ; present No. 260 | |
| Sunday School—Teachers, 25 ; scholars, white, 143 ; colored, 15... | 173 |
| Library Books..... | 500 |
| Communion Administered(once in private)..... | 15 |
| Communion Offerings..... | \$883 45 |
| Collections—Diocesan Missions..... | 246 60 |
| For Missions in Arkansas..... | 307 00 |
| “ “ by Sunday School..... | 150 00 |
| “ “ in Texas..... | 185 25 |
| For Soc. for widows, &c., of dec'd cler'ym | 111 35 |
| For P. Books, and religious read'g for sold'rs | 211 15 |
| For Sunday School purposes..... | 210 10 |
| For portrait of Bishop Cobbs, by Sund. Sch... | 150 00 |
| Easter Offerings for liquidating the debt on the church..... | 5,000 00 |
| Voluntary contribution to the Rector in con- sideration of the times | 1,500 00 |
| Voluntary contribution by the ladies to the Bishop | 700 00 |
| Total am't of contributions during the year, exclusive Bishop and Rector's salaries... | 9,654 90 |
| Time spent in the Parish since last report, 12 months. | |

CHRIST CHURCH, TUSKALOOSA—Rev. R. D. NEVIUS, Rector.

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| Baptisms—White, adults, 5 ; infants, 8 ; colored, 8 | Total, 16 |
| Marriages | 1 |

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| Burials—White, 4 ; colored, 7 | 11 |
| Communicants—White, 118 ; colored, 5 | 123 |
| Sunday School—Teachers, 8 ; scholars, 54 | 54 |
| Communion Administered | 16 |
| Communion Offerings | \$ 60 00 |
| Collections—Diocesan Missions | \$112 00 |

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, GREENSBORO.

R. H. COBBS, Rector.

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| Baptisms—White, adults, 3 ; colored 2 | Total, 5 |
| Infant, white, 9 ; colored, 12 | 21 |
| Deaths—White | 13 |
| Confirmations—White, | 10 |
| Communicants—Added, 10 ; died, 4 ; removed, 1 ; present No.... | 72 |
| Contributions—Domestic Missions | \$131 00 |
| Diocesan Missions | 182 00 |
| Benevolent Purposes | 156 00 |
| Church Purposes | 53 86 |

The Rector would take this occasion to express the great pleasure with which the Parish welcomed the arrival of our Bishop, and their high appreciation of the privilege of having him in their midst ; and for himself, would bear most grateful testimony to the assistance and encouragement which the words and presence of our Bishop do always afford.

TRINITY CHURCH, DEMOPOLIS—F. R. HANSON, Officiating.

The Rev. T. J. Beard resigned the charge of this Parish in June last. Since that time the gentlemen of the Vestry have not been able to obtain a minister. I have officiated for them during the year, in the afternoon, on Sunday. The congregations have been unusually large, and the Church never seemed to be in a more flourishing condition. Several Church families who have been driven from their homes, by the invading armies of our enemies, have taken up their temporary residence here, and enlarged the congregation very much. There are several candidates for confirmation, and a visit from the Bishop would be very useful. The young ladies of the Parish have a large and well conducted Sunday School, and are gathering into the church many who have not before been under her influence. The Rev. Mr. Beckwith, who has been driven by the enemy from his Parish in Mississippi, is now in Demopolis, and will probably take charge of the church.

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| Baptisms—White, infants, 4 ; colored, 12 | Total, 16 |
| Marriages—Colored | 1 |
| Funerals—White, 4 ; colored, 1 | Total, 5 |

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| Communicants..... | 85 |
| Sunday School—Teachers, 10; scholars..... | 65 |
| Communion Administered..... | 3 |
| Communion Offerings..... | \$30 00 |
| For the Chaplain Ala. Hospital, Richmond, Va., Rev. Mr. Kepler..... | \$27 10 |

ST. JOHN'S PARISH IN THE PRAIRIES.

Rev. A. MENAEO, Rector.

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| Baptisms—Adults, colored, 1; infants, 8..... | 4 |
| Confirmations—White, 2; colored, 3..... | 5 |
| Funerals—White, 0; colored, 2..... | 2 |
| Communicants—White, at last report, 10; added, 3; removed 2; present No..... | 11 |
| Communion Administered..... | 4 |
| Communion Offerings..... | \$25 45 |
| Collections—Diocesan Missions..... | 38 00 |

Time spent in the Parish in the performance of its duties since last report, 5 months.

Last October, at his request, I sent to the Bishop a report of my ministerial duties previous to that time; the present report, therefore, embraces only the time from November, 1862, to May, 1863.

ST. JAMES', LIVINGSTON, ALA.

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| Baptisms—White, adults, 0; infants, 3..... | 3 |
| Marriages—White,..... | 1 |
| Communicants—White, at last report, --; added, 2; died, 1; removed, 4; present No..... | 22 |
| Sunday School—Teachers, 4; scholars,..... | 25 |
| Library Books—Volumes..... | 100 |
| Communion Administered..... | 6 |
| Communion Offerings..... | |
| Collections—Diocesan Missions..... | |
| Domestic Missions..... | \$28 15 |

In the absence of a Rector, the duty devolves on the undersigned, as one of the Wardens, to render the report from this Parish to the Convention.

On the 1st August, 1862, the relations existing between this Parish and Rev. S. U. Smith, as its Rector, ceased, he having a short time before tendered his resignation, and the same been accepted at a meeting of the Vestry. While the congregation regret the circumstances which led to the separation, and the vacancy occasioned, they are solicitous to obtain the services of a clergyman whose whole time could be appropriated to this Parish, and a School of 15

to 20 pupils, which would together enable us to pay a clergyman for his ministrations a suitable sum annually. The field is extensive for exertion, material abundant for building a large congregation, and there are those among us who would hold up a zealous and pious man of God to the best of our ability.

Up to the 1st August, 1862, Rev. S. U. Smith held divine services, and administered the communion once a month; since then, services have been held and the communion administered three times—once by Rev. J. J. Scott, and twice by Rev. W. A. Stickney.—There is occasional lay reading by the writer, at the request of the congregation, and would be regularly held but for the position he holds outside the Church interfering with his attendance to that duty.

It is hoped ere long applications which have been made through our Bishop and otherwise, will provide this Parish with a settled and useful clergyman, under God's Providence.

S. W. MURLEY, Senior Warden.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, MONTGOMERY.

Rev. J. M. MITCHELL, Rector.

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| Baptisms—White, adults, 5; infants, 18..... | Total, 23 |
| Colored, adults, 1; infants, 6..... | 7 |
| Confirmations—White, 26; colored, 7..... | 33 |
| Marriages—White, 8; colored, 8..... | 6 |
| Funerals—White, 28; colored, 2..... | 30 |
| Communicants—White, at last report, 175; added, 28; died, 3; removed, 11; present No..... | 189 |
| Colored, at last report, 10; present No..... | 17 |
| Sunday School—Teachers, 22; scholars, white, 112; col'd, 30.... | 142 |
| Library Books..... | 300 |
| Communion Administered..... | 13 |
| Collections—Diocesan Missions..... | \$225 00 |
| Domestic Missions..... | 150 00 |
| Orphan Asylum..... | 600 40 |
| Alms..... | 322 50 |
| For church purposes generally..... | 857 55 |
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| | \$2,155 45 |

Of the confirmations reported above, four persons (two white and two colored) are refugees from the Parish of Christ Church, Pensacola, Fla., and were presented to the Bishop by the Rev. J. J. Scott, D. D., who is also a refugee, and to whom, during his temporary sojourn in Montgomery, the Rector has been frequently indebted for clerical services kindly performed and cordially appreciated.

Three others of the persons confirmed are boarding pupils at Hammer Hall, and were presented by the Rev. J. A. Shepherd, the Principal, to whom the Rector is also under obligations for assistance in his labors, always, whenever asked, most cheerfully given.

ST. WILFRID'S, MARION—Rev. E. McClure, Rector.

To the Rt. Rev. R. H. Wilmer, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese of Alabama:

The Rector of St. Wilfrid's Parish, Marion, begs leave to present the following report:

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| Baptisms—White, infants, 3; colored, infants, 2..... | Total, 5 |
| Funerals, colored..... | 1 |
| Communicants—White, 68; added, 10; removed, 2; present No. 76 | |
| Colored..... | 11 |
| Sunday School—Teachers, 7; scholars..... | 45 |
| Library Books..... | 120 |
| Communion Administered..... | 3 |
| Communion Offerings..... | \$15 00 |
| Collections—Bishop's and Council Fund..... | 36 20 |
| Expenses of the Parish..... | 22 00 |
| Sunday School Books donated..... | 50 00 |
| New Surplice, and for other purposes..... | 130 00 |

Time spent in the performance of the regular duties since taking charge of the Parish, 2 months.

The present Rector took charge of the Parish in February last, and reports from that date, since which there has been no Episcopal visitation. A Sunday School has been established, with favorable prospects. The children are instructed in the catechism every Sunday, by the teachers, and catechised once a month by the Rector.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, SELMA—Rev. J. H. Ticknor, Rector.

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| Baptisms—White, adults, 3; infants, 24..... | Total, 27 |
| Confirmations..... | 15 |
| Marriages—White, 1; colored, 1..... | 2 |
| Burials—White, 18; colored, 2..... | 20 |
| Communicants—Added, 42; died, 3; removed, 2..... | 92 |
| Sunday School—Teachers, 6; scholars..... | 35 |
| Library Books, about..... | 100 |
| Communion Offerings..... | \$154 25 |
| Collections—For Diocesan Missions..... | 111 50 |
| For special purposes..... | 295 40 |

Time spent in the Parish, in the regular performance of its duties since last report, 11 months.

ST. LUKE'S PARISH, CAHABA—Rev. Geo. N. Cushman, D. D.

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| Baptisms—White, adults, 2 ; infants, 6..... | 8 |
| Funerals..... | 2 |
| Communicants—Died, 1 ; present No..... | 31 |
| Sunday School—Teachers, 5 ; scholars..... | 20 |
| Library Books..... | 328 |
| Communions Administered..... | 6 |

Time spent in Parish since last report, 4 months and a half.

Since the 1st May, 1863, the resignation of the Rev. G. F. Cushman, D. D., as Rector, has been accepted.

E. M. PERINE, Senior Warden..

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, CARLOWVILLE—Rev. F. B. Lee, Rector.

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| Baptisms—White, 2 ; colored, 6..... | Total, 8 |
| Funerals—White, 4 ; colored, 1..... | 5 |
| Communicants—White, added, 8 ; colored, 1 ; present No..... | 60 |
| Confirmed—White, 5 ; colored, 2..... | 7 |
| Sunday School—Teachers, 7 ; scholars, white, 30; colored, 25..... | 55 |
| Communions Administered..... | 21 |
| Collections | \$35 00 |

Time spent in the Parish, 12 months.

My connection with the County Line congregation having terminated with the past civil year, I report only my ministerial acts and services exclusive of the statistics proper of the Parish. These will probably be given by my successor—the Rev. Dr. Cushman. The existing engagement with the Parish of St. Peter's, Lowndes county, is of so recent date, that I am unable to report advisedly as to its condition. There has, perhaps, been as much improvement in the spiritual interest of my charge as I could in reason expect under existing circumstances.

CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY, HUNTSVILLE.

J. M. BANISTER, Rector.

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| Baptisms—White, adults, 2 ; infants, 7 ; colored infants, 2..... | 11 |
| Confirmations—..... | No Episcopal Visitation.. |
| Marriages—White, 1; colored, 2..... | 3 |
| Funerals—White,..... | 11 |
| Communicants—White, added, 18 ; died, 1 ; removed, 2; present No..... | 87 |
| Colored..... | 1 |
| Sunday School—Teachers, 8 ; scholars, about..... | 60 |
| Communions Administered..... | 12 |
| Communion Offerings..... | \$237 70 |

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| Collections—Diocesan Missions..... | 150 00 |
| Domestic Missions..... | 50 00 |

Time spent in the Parish in its regular duties, since last report, 12 months.

During this Ecclesiastical year, the Federals were in Huntsville, nearly five months, and greatly interrupted the work, and the prosperity of the Parish.

ST. DAVID'S CHURCH, DALLAS—Rev. R. A. COMBS, Rector.

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| Baptisms—White, infants, 2..... | Total, 2 |
| Confirmations—White,..... | 1 |
| Funerals—White, 1; colored, 1..... | 2 |
| Communicants—White, number at the last report, 11; added, 1; died, 1; present No..... | 11 |
| Communion—Number times administered..... | 4 |
| Collections—Diocesan Missions..... | \$15 50 |
| Diocesan Missions in Arkansas..... | 19 50 |

Services are held in this Church, in the afternoons of two Sundays in each month.

ST. ANDREWS' CHURCH, MACON—F. R. HANSON, Rector.

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| Baptisms—Infants,..... | 8 |
| Confirmations—In private..... | 1 |
| Communicants..... | 24 |
| Communion Administered..... | 8 |
| Funerals—White, 2; colored, 1..... | 3 |
| Communion Offerings..... | \$27 35 |
| For the chaplain of the Alabama Hospital, Richmond, Va.... | 50 00 |

Divine service has been held regularly every Sunday morning in the church. I have baptized one infant in Dayton.

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS, UNIONTOWN.

Rev. R. A. COMBS, Rector.

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| Baptisms—White, adults, 2; infants, 6..... | Total, 8 |
| Colored, infants,..... | 2 |
| Confirmations—White,..... | 5 |
| Marriages—Colored..... | 1 |
| Funerals—White, 3; colored, 1..... | 4 |
| Communicants—White, at last report, 28; added, 6; removed 1; present No..... | 33 |
| Colored,..... | 1 |
| Communion Administered..... | 14 |
| Communion Offerings..... | \$25 65 |

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| Collections—Diocesan Missions..... | 64 20 |
| Missions in Arkansas..... | \$22 10 |
| Time spent in this Parish in the performance of its regular duties, 12 months. | |

ST. ALBAN'S, GAINESVILLE—Rev. A. F. Dobb, Missionary.

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| Baptisms—White, infants,..... | 1 |
| Marriages—Colored, 1..... | 1 |
| Burials—White..... | 2 |
| Communicants—Died, 1; present No..... | 9 |
| Communion Administered, by Rev. S. U. Smith..... | 1 |
| Communion Offerings..... | \$4 00 |
| Sunday School—Teachers, 5; scholars,..... | 20 |
| Library Books..... | 350 |

This report embraces six months service from the 1st November, 1862, to the 1st May, 1863.

The report of six months service in St. Stephen's, Eutaw, from the 20th April, 1862, to the 1st November, 1862, is herewith added.

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| Baptisms—White, adults, 3; children, 6..... | 9 |
| Burials—White,..... | 1 |
| Confirmations—White,..... | 7 |
| Communicants—White, added, 6..... | 26 |
| Sunday School—Teachers 6; scholars..... | 30 |

Rev. A. F. DOBB, Missionary.

TRINITY CHURCH, MOBILE—Rev. J. A. Massey, Rector.

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| Baptisms—White, adults, 12; infants, 65..... | Total, 77 |
| Confirmations—White, 15..... | 15 |
| Marriages—White, 6; colored, 1..... | 7 |
| Funerals—White,..... | 61 |
| Communicants—White, at last report, 220; added, 18; died, 13; present No..... | 225 |
| Communions Administered, in public and private,..... | 21 |
| Communion Offerings, including a gift of \$200 from the La- dies' Military Aid Society..... | \$622 00 |
| Collections—Diocesan Missions..... | \$103 45 |
| Domestic Missions..... | 192 00 |

Time spent in the Parish in the performance of its regular duties since last report, nine months.

ST. MARK'S, FORK OF GREENE—Rev. S. U. Smith, Rector.

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| Baptisms—White, infants, 1; blacks, infants, 18..... | Total, 19 |
| Funerals—White,..... | 1 |
| Marriages—Blacks,..... | 3 |

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| Communicants—White, 10; removed, 1..... | 10 |
| Communicants Administered..... | 10 |
| Communion Offerings..... | \$10 60 |
| Diocesan Missions from Communion Offerings..... | 7 90 |
| Collections for Church purposes generally..... | 40 00 |

Stated service the 2d and 4th Sundays in each month, with occasional service. I resigned my Parochial charge of St. James, Livingston, in July, and accepted the Missionary appointment of St. Stephens', Eutaw, in March.

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH, MARENGO COUNTY.

Rev. JOHN Y. GHOLSON, Rector.

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| Baptisms—White, infants, 2; colored, adults, 2; infants, 24..... | 28 |
| Confirmations—White, 6; colored, 10..... | 16 |
| Marriages—White,..... | 1 |
| Funerals—White, 1; colored, 2..... | 3 |
| Communicants—White, at last report, 22; added, 6; died, 1; present No..... | 27 |
| Colored, at last report, 20; added, 10; present No. | 30 |
| Communion Administered..... | 12 |
| Communion Offerings appropriated to Diocesan Missions and other church purposes..... | |
| Collections—Diocesan Missions..... | \$210 00 |
| For Rev. Mr. Kepler, Missionary of Ala. Hospi- tal, Richmond..... | 125 00 |
| For sick and wounded soldiers, Ladies' Aid So- ciety, Selma..... | 60 00 |
| For family of Rev. C. A. Derby, deceased.... | 204 00 |
| For church purposes generally..... | 20 00 |

Time spent in the performance of regular duties since last report, 12 months.

Services as regular and as frequent as possible upon the plantations, still held among the immense number of servants in the Parish. Such arrangements have been made as to extend services to the same congregations, once a month. They should be reached at least once a week. As in every other great work, there is, of course, difficulty in this, the difficulty which can be overcome by strong Christian faith.

What is most lacking in the effort to christianize our slaves, is interest in the subject on the part of their masters. To these dependents, it is for the masters alone to extend the inestimable privilege of the Gospel of Christ. May the Giver of every good and perfect gift infuse into their minds and hearts a keener sense of responsibility, and cause them to give unto the servant "that which is just and

equal," viz: *the most ample provision in their power for his religious improvement!*

The regular services of our church are now being held by the Rev. Mr. Stickney, and the Rector of this Parish at Dayton, every fortnight on Saturday morning. A comfortable room has already been fitted up for the purpose, and there is some hope of a church edifice at that point.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, MOBILE—H. N. PRITCH, Rector.

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| Baptisms—White, adults, 10 ; infants, 90 ; colored, adults, 1 ; infants, 2..... | Total, 108 |
| Confirmations—White, | 49 |
| Marriages—White, 26 ; colored, 2..... | 28 |
| Funerals—White | 80 |
| Communicants—White, at last report, 149 ; died, 6 ; removed 5 ; added, 30 ; present No..... | 168 |
| Colored, removed, 1 ; whole No. communicants... | 168 |
| Sunday School—Teachers, 12 ; scholars,..... | 150 |
| Library Books..... | 200 |
| Communion Offerings..... | \$464 30 |
| Diocesan Missions..... | 63 85 |
| Tracts for the soldiers..... | 72 55 |
| For the sick soldiers..... | 43 00 |
| Church purposes generally, including Rector's support..... | 4,906 70 |

Time spent in the Parish since last report, 11 months, one month having been spent in attending on the General Council at Augusta, Ga., in November last.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, LOWNDESBORO'.

Rev. J. F. SMITH, Rector.

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| Baptisms—Infants, | 1 |
| Colored, adults, 4 ; infants, 31..... | 35 |
| Confirmations—White, 3 ; colored, 9..... | 12 |
| Marriages—White, 1 ; colored, 2..... | 3 |
| Funerals—White, 2 ; colored, 0..... | 2 |
| Communicants—White, at last report, 19 ; added, 5 ; present No. 24 | |
| Colored, at last report, 1 ; added, 9 ; present No.... | 10 |
| Communion Offerings..... | \$40 30 |

Time spent in the Parish in the performance of regular duties since last report, 12 months.

ST. MATHEW'S CHURCH, AUTAUGAVILLE.

Rev. J. F. SMITH, Rector.

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| Baptisms—Infants | 2 |
| Marriages—Whites, | 2 |
| Communicants—White, at last report, 9; removed, 1; added, 2; present No..... | 10 |
| Communion Administered..... | 8 |
| Communion Offering..... | \$10 00 |
| Time spent in the Parish in its regular duties since last report, 12 months. | |

REPORT OF REV. THOMAS J. BEARD.

Rt. Rev. and Dear Sir :

In accordance with the requirement of the Canon, my report for the past year is hereby respectfully submitted.

In consequence of ill health, and by your advice, I gave up the charge of Trinity Church, Demopolis, in June of last year. Connected with my work there, though not parochially, were two plantations in the vicinity, belonging to Dr. H. W. Reese and Dr. G. G. Griffin. Services had been held on these two plantations alternately on Sunday afternoons during almost the whole period of my connexion with Trinity Parish, and the results were improperly included in the Annual Parochial Reports. On Trinity Sunday, the 15th of June, I preached and baptized 4 adults at Dr. Griffin's, and 2 infants at Dr. Reese's. There was a growing interest in the church services manifested among the servants in both these places, and the efforts of those most deeply responsible for the spiritual condition of this class of their dependents, were worthy of imitation.

A pleasant stay of several weeks in your family, with occasional assistance to the Rector of St. Paul's, Greensboro', attendance upon yourself in your summer visitation to Tuscaloosa, and a short Missionary trip to St. John's, Elyton, filled up the interval to the latter part of August, when you sent me as Missionary to Opelika and Auburn, where I remained until November. In the absence of any one in charge of these points, the following reports are submitted:

EMMANUEL CHURCH, OPELIKA.

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| Communicants, at last report, by Rev. Ed. Denniston..... | 6 |
| Present number, including those at Yonkesboro', about 8 miles distant..... | 10 |
| Baptisms—White, adults, 2; infants, 1..... | Total, 3 |
| Confirmations..... | 8 |

Of these, 3 were from Trinity Church, Auburn, and 2 from Salem, a village on the Columbus and Opelika R. R.

TRINITY CHURCH, AUBURN.

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| Communicants at the time I first visited the Parish..... | 8 |
| Removed since, 1 ; added, 8 ; present No..... | 5 |
| Funerals—White..... | 1 |

I took charge of St. James' Church, Eufaula, in December, having made previously two visits there as Missionary. The following is the report of the Parish since that time. The last report was made by Rev. Wm. M. Steel, in 1860.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, EUFAULA.

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| Baptisms—White, infants,..... | 7 |
| Confirmations—White | 8 |
| Funerals—White | 2 |
| Communicants, at last report,..... | 24 |
| Reduced by death and removals to 14 ; added by admissions from other places, and by con- firmations, 10 ; present No..... | 24 |
| Sunday School—Teachers, 6 ; scholars..... | 30 |
| Library Books..... | 200 |
| Communion Administered..... | 2 |
| Communion Offerings..... | \$21 25 |
| Missions..... | 77 50 |
| Bishop's Salary..... | 95 00 |

There is an interest manifested which, I trust, augurs well for the future growth and prosperity of the church at this important point.

Most respectfully and truly,

THOMAS J. BEARD,
Deacon in charge.

REPORT OF JOSEPH J. NICHOLSON,

CAMP AND POST, TALLADEGA,
May 5th, 1863. }

Rt. Rev. and Dear Sir :

Owing to the state of the country, and the high price of living, I found myself obliged last autumn to close my Institute, near Mobile, as it depended almost exclusively on boarding pupils, and having removed temporarily to this place, I shortly after received and accepted the appointment of Chaplain in the service of the C. S. A. Since that period, I have been diligently employed in the duties pertaining to my office, ministering to the well, the sick and dying.

Through the courtesy of the commander, I have visited Jacksonville, once a month, officiating and administering the Holy Communion.

Besides the regular Sunday services, I have officiated frequently in the camp at night, and held many partial services with the sick and

convalescent in the hospital. I have distributed among the men a large number of tracts, and I believe that my efforts have been blessed in some good degree. The men have generally been attentive, and given evidence of a disposition to give heed to the salvation of their souls.

At Talladega, there have been through the winter about 40 communicants, 10 or 12 of whom are citizens, the rest being proximately or remotely connected with the Army.

I have also established here a Sunday School, which numbers about 20 pupils and 5 teachers.

Burials from the Hospitals, 15 ; of persons not connected with the Army, (infants) 2 ; adults, 1 ; whole number, 18.

Baptisms—White, infants, 1 ; colored, 1 ; adult, 1.....3

Communicants—Permanent, about 12 ; connected with the army, and refugees, 28.....40

At Jacksonville, there have been—

Baptisms—Infants.....3

Confirmations.....3

Funerals.....1

Communicants as in years past.

At this point the church, though small in number, is vigorous and full of life.

Communion Alms at Talladega.....\$58 85

For Domestic Missions.....21 90

Communion Alms, Jacksonville.....49 10

Paid to the Bishop for Domestic Missions.....30 00

Given to the Hospital at Talladega.....5 00

Paid room rent for Church.....8 00

Given to sundry poor persons, and charitable objects.....12 65

Clothing to bury soldier in.....4 00

Contributed in Bibles, Magazines, &c., in value.....60 00

Very truly yours in Christ,

JOS. J. NICHOLSON.

PORTLAND, DALLAS CO.—Rev. GEO. F. CUSHMAN, D. D., Minister

Baptisms—White, adults, 1 ; infants, 5.....Total, 6

Colored, adults, 1 ; infants, 28.....29

Confirmations—White,.....5

Marriages—Colored,.....1

Funerals—White, 5 ; colored, 2.....7

Communicants—White, added, 4 ; present No.....21

Sunday School—Teachers, 5 ; scholars, white, 21 ; col'd, 4.....25

Communions Administered.....1.....6

Diocesan Missions.....\$130 00

Time spent at station, 6 months.

The people of Portland have for a series of years enjoyed the benefits of the occasional services of the Rev. Mr. Lee, and the prospect of eventually establishing a small but strong Parish there is highly favorable. The congregations are regular and attentive, and there is a growing appreciation of the church among them. In connection with a boys' school, the present minister officiates three Sundays in the month, in the morning, for the whites, and in the evening to the servants. On the remaining Sunday he preaches at a neighboring plantation.

The colored congregation is growing in numbers and interest, and the prospect of usefulness among them is promising. It will be a work of time, however, before we can hope to see much visible fruit. For a long series of years the teaching they have had has been under sectarian auspices, and there is not only much to do, but much to be undone. It is hoped that the time may soon come, when the large body of servants, here gathered, may have a minister who can "give himself continually to prayer and to the Ministry of the Word." Already the wall of prejudice is beginning to break down. By regular and continuous services, which they have never had before, the servants are learning something of the nature of the christian church. Of the Baptisms above reported, three were by Rev. Mr. Pierce, and one of the persons confirmed belongs to his Parish.

FAUNSDALE, MARENGO COUNTY.

Rt. Rev. R. H. Wilmer, D. D.:

RT. REV. FATHER—With the new year, as you requested and directed, I began my mission to the negroes in the Canebrake. The places to which you assigned me, with an addition or two, have been regularly served, each twice a month. By holding three services every Lord's Day, I have been able thus far to minister to six stations, including some eight plantations, within the range of twelve miles.

Some of them have regular chapels. The others are only waiting for better times to erect them.

In the Faunsdale Chapel I have celebrated Holy Communion twice, and baptized four infants.

The communicants there are about thirty. I am encouraged in my work by the cheering interest that prevails everywhere in the services.

The Confession, Lord's Prayer, Ten Commandments, and Creed, are never omitted in these services.

At Easter, I began services once a month, on a week day, in Dayton, among the white people.

Below will be found the sum of other work I have performed since

the last Council, in connection with St. Wilfrid's Parish, Marion, Alabama.

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| Baptisms—White, adults, 3 ; infants, 5; colored adults, 2.. | Total, 10 |
| Confirmations—White 9 ; colored, 2..... | 11 |
| Funerals—White | 3 |
| Marriages—White | 1 |
| Communion Administered..... | 10 |
| Communion Offerings | \$16 60 |
| Collections—Chaplain to Ala. soldiers in Richmond..... | 21 25 |
| Diocesan Missions..... | 18 50 |

Two months in summer I traveled for health through the upper counties of the Diocese, holding services twice every Sunday in churches, parlors, or cabins, wherever I might be.

Another month was occupied, as you directed, visiting and giving services to sundry Parishes without Ministers.

Obediently in Holy Church,

W. A. STICKNEY, Presbyter.

REPORT OF REV. JAS. S. JARRATT.

Rt. Rev. Father in God :

Your Missionary for Montgomery and Butler counties respectfully submits the following report :

I have devoted most of my labor upon the mission at Snowdown, Montgomery county, and Greenville, but have preached at several other points during the year. I think I may safely say that the prospect for establishing the church is most encouraging in my field of labor. Thoughtful people are growing weary of dissensions and divisions among those who profess and call themselves christians. They are tired of the imperfections and errors of individual opinions propagated by a self-appointed ministry. All that we lack is more laborers of the right sort—godly, zealous men to preach the Gospel of Christ and plant the Church of the living God."

Official acts performed since last Convention :

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| Baptisms—White, infants, 5 ; colored, 10..... | Total, 15 |
| Marriages—White, 3; colored, 1..... | 4 |
| Funerals—White, soldiers, 4 ; colored, 3..... | 7 |
| Communicants, not including refugees belonging to other con- gregations..... | 5 |
| Communion Administered..... | 5 |
| Communion Offerings..... | \$60 00 |
| For Diocesan Missions..... | \$21 75 |

JAS. S. JARRATT, Missionary
for Montgomery and Butler Counties.

PRATTVILLE MISSION—Rev. J. F. SMITH, Officiating.

Communicants—White, at last report, 16 ; present No.16

Communion Administered2

Time spent at the Mission since last report, 12 months.

REPORT OF REV. W. D. CHRISTIAN, MARION.

After I removed from Pickens county, I was not permanently settled for some months. In this interval of time, I was sent by the Bishop to visit the congregations in Talladega, Jacksonville, Asheville and Elyton, previous to his own visitation. Upon my return I took up my residence in Marion, where I started a Church School. While Rev. Mr. Stickney still continued to officiate in charge of the Parish, I assisted him in the Sunday services and some other occasions, and in his absence officiated myself for the congregation. After Mr. Stickney relinquished all charge of the Parish in Marion, I continued to officiate until the new Rector took charge. Latterly, I have been officiating under the direction of the Bishop upon two different plantations some miles from Marion. I performed, I think, two infant baptisms in Jacksonville, one in Asheville and one in Marion.

HAMNER HALL, MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA.**Rev. J. AVERY SHEPHERD, Rector.**

The Rector would respectfully report that the main building of Hamner Hall was completed during the summer of the past year. It is one hundred and twenty-four feet long by forty-six in width, contains two stories and a fine basement, and has accommodations for about fifty boarders, besides a large day school. It is of the most substantial character, and in its construction a constant regard was had to the airiness of the rooms, and to the comfort and health of the pupils. Hamner Hall is situated on one of the highest locations near Montgomery, in a delightful grove of nine acres, which affords at all seasons excellent facilities for exercise. We cannot be too grateful to a kind Providence through whose blessing so much has been accomplished in so short a time, which is the more remarkable, as the beginning was not made until some months after the commencement of the war. The School opened on the first day of October, 1862, and considering the state of the country it has been very fully attended, more than one hundred pupils having been received during the present session. All diligence will be given to bring Hamner Hall up to the highest standard of moral and intellectual training. Among the confirmations in Montgomery during the past two years, nine young ladies were inmates of the Rector's family.

THOMAS W. MCCOY, Treasurer,

In acc't with Diocesan Missionary Society of Alabama.

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| May | 1—To Balance reported to the Convention through Bishop Wilmer..... | \$1,124 47 |
| May | 2—Received of Rev. J. Y. Gholson, St. Michael's Church, Marengo co... | 16 00 |
| May | 3—Received Rev. R. H. Cobbs, St. Paul's, Greensboro' | 21 00 |
| May | 3—Received Rev. W. F. Stickney, St. Wilfrid's, Marion | 21 00 |
| Sept. 19— | Received Rev. R. A. Cobbs, Church of Holy Cross, Uniontown, .34 50 | 40 00 |
| | Received Rev. R. A. Cobbs, Ch. of St. David, Dallas county....15 50 | |
| | This adds \$50, yet but \$40 were received in letter, by Mr. D. C. | |
| Dec. 12— | Received J. Y. Gholson, St. Michael's, Marengo county..... | 75 00 |

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| Feb. 26— | Received J. M. Mitchell, St. John's Ch. Montgomery | 225 00 |
| Feb. 28— | Received Rt. Rev. R. H. Wilmer, replace am't drawn May 5, 1862..... | 500 00 |
| Mar. 9— | Received Mrs. Capt. Hugh Munroe, of Bay Side, Mobile, (her usual beautiful "Japonica donation" | 30 00 |
| April 7— | Received Rev. H. N. Pierce, St. John's Church, Mobile, | 68 00 |
| April 9— | Received Rev. J. A. Massey, Trinity Ch. Mobile | 100 00 |
| April 17— | Received Rev. Henry Sansom, D. D., Christ Church, Mobile, | 246 00 |

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| May 2— | By cash paid Bishop Wilmer's order of 21st April, favor Rev. J. S. Jarratt..... | 75 00 |
| May 5— | Paid Rt. Rev. R. H. Wilmer's order of this date..... | 500 00 |
| May 10— | Paid Rt. Rev. R. H. Wilmer's order of 81st March, favor Rev. J. A. Wheelock | 150 00 |
| Aug. 4— | Paid Rt. Rev. R. H. Wilmer's order of July 3, favor Rev. J. C. Waddill | 50 00 |
| Oct. 17— | Paid Rt. Rev. R. H. Wilmer's order of 27th Sept., favor of Rev. J. S. Jarratt..... | 100 00 |

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| Jan. 2— | Paid Rt. Rev. R. H. Wilmer's order of 29th Nov., favor of Rev. J. C. Waddill..... | 50 00 |
| Feb. 7— | Paid Rt. Rev. R. H. Wilmer's order of 14th January, favor Rev. Wm. | |

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| | Binet | 100 00 |
| March 9—Paid Rt. Rev. R. H. Wilmer's order of | | |
| 28th Feb., favor of Rev. J. J. | | |
| Nicholson | 100 00 | |
| May 4—Balance carried down | \$1,337 07 | |
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| 1863. | | |
| May 4—To bal. on hand, brought down | \$1,337 07 | |

THOMAS W. McCOY, Treasurer.

E. E.—Mobile, May 4th, 1863.

DIGEST
OF
THE CONSTITUTION AND CANONS
OF THE
Protestant Episcopal Church,
IN THE
DIOCESE OF ALABAMA.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH,

IN THE

DIOCESE OF ALABAMA.

The clergy and laity of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Alabama, for the purpose of promoting the cause of religion and piety, establishing order, and securing to themselves and their posterity the advantages of the Ministry and Ordinances of the Church, do ordain and establish this Constitution. Preamble.

ART. I. This church hereby accedes to the authority, and recognizes and adopts the Constitution and Canons of the General Council of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the Confederate States of America. Authority of P. E. Ch. of Confederate States recognized.

ART. II. There shall be an annual Council of the Church, to be held at such time and place as shall be designated by the next preceding Council; and in case there should be an epidemic disease in the place appointed for holding said Council, or any other good cause to render it necessary to alter the place fixed for holding it, the Bishop shall have the power to appoint another convenient place for holding the same. Annual Council to be held.

ART. III. The Council shall be composed of clergy-men and laymen. Every clergyman in Ecclesiastical connexion with the Diocese, being a Minister or Assistant Minister of some Parish within the same, or a Missionary under the direction of the Ecclesiastical Authority thereof, or being a president, professor or tutor, in some institution of learning recognized and approved by this Council, or being unable to discharge the duties of the Ministry, on account of age or infirm health, or a chaplain in the army or navy, shall be entitled to a seat and vote in the Council: *Provided*, That no clerical member shall be entitled to a seat in the Council, unless he shall have resided in the Diocese for six months next preceding. The laymen shall consist of any number of Deputies, not exceeding five from each Parish, chosen by the Vestry thereof, from the church within the same. Of whom Council composed.

ART. IV. Four members of the clerical order, and the representations of four Parishes shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business; but a smaller number may adjourn. What constitute a quorum.

ART. V. The Bishop shall be President of the Council. If he be absent, or if there be no Bishop, the Bishop to preside. Bishop to preside.

His authority in Council. Council shall choose a President *pro tempore* from the Presbyters present. The Bishop may make any motion which he shall judge to be conducive to the good of the church, but shall not enter into debate; and he may deliver his sentiments on any subject after it has been discussed, before a vote thereon. He may call special Councils at whatever times and places he may think necessary. In case of a vacancy in the Episcopal office, this power shall be exercised by the Standing Committee.

Further power. **Secretary of Council and his duty.** Art. VI. A Secretary shall be chosen at each annual meeting of the Council, who shall ~~conduct the office~~ until the next election of a Secretary. His duty shall be to make minutes of their proceedings, to preserve their journals and records, to attest the public accounts of the body, and faithfully to deliver into the hands of his successor all books and papers relative to the concerns of the Council which may be in his possession.

Clergy and Laity to deliberate together, but may be required to vote separately. Art. VII. In Council the clergy and laity shall deliberate and vote as one body. But if it be required by two clergymen, or the representations of two Parishes, the two orders shall vote separately, in which case each clergyman shall cast one vote, and the representation of each Parish one vote, and a majority of the votes of each order, thus cast, shall be decisive. In electing a Bishop, the laity shall vote by Parishes as herein provided.

Bishop how elected. Art. VIII. The election of a Bishop shall be made in Council, in the following manner: The clergy shall nominate by ballot some fit and qualified clergyman of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Confederate States, for that office, the votes of a majority of that order being necessary to constitute a choice. Such nomination shall be communicated to the lay deputies, and be considered by them; and if on a ballot it shall appear that the person so nominated is approved by a majority of the Parishes represented, he shall be then declared by the President of the Council duly elected.

Standing Committee, by whom formed. Art. IX. The Standing Committee, consisting of not more than three clergymen and three laymen, shall be elected at each annual meeting of the Council. Vacancies in the committee, caused by death, resignation or otherwise, shall be filled by the remaining members. A majority shall constitute a quorum.

Council how opened. Art. X. Every Council shall be opened with Prayer, a Sermon, and the administration of the Holy Communion—the preacher to be appointed by the Bishop, or in case of vacancy in the Episcopate, by the Standing Committee.

Constitution, how altered. Art. XII. Any proposition to alter this Constitution shall be made in writing, and if approved by two-thirds of the Council shall be submitted to the next Council; and if approved by a majority of the two orders therein, voting separately, it shall become a part of this Constitution.

CANONS

OF

THE DIOCESE OF ALABAMA.

TITLE I.

OF THE ORGANIZED BODIES AND OFFICERS OF THE CHURCH.

CANON I.

Of Parishes.

§1. No Church or Parish shall be received into union with this Council, unless the articles of association, authenticated by the chairman and secretary of such association, be presented to the Council by a member thereof. Admission of Church or Parish into union with Diocese.

§2. It shall be the duty of every Parish in union with this Council, to send a number, not exceeding five, of lay deputies to the Council, who shall be chosen by the Vestry from among the parishioners. Duty of Parish to send Lay Deputies to Council. (*Provided, That* § 4, Title I. shall have been complied with.)

§3. The qualification for a Deputy to the Council, shall be the same as for a Vestryman, except only that no pecuniary contributions shall be a necessary qualification. Qualifications of Lay Deputies.

§4. No Parish shall be entitled to a lay representation until all assessments upon the same made by the Council not specially remitted shall have been paid to the Treasurer thereof, nor shall any Parish be entitled to lay representation which shall be in arrears six months in the payment of the salary of their Minister, which may hereafter accrue. Right of Parish to representation.

§5. Deputies to the Council from the several Parishes shall present a certificate signed by the Secretary of the Vestry, or by the Rector, or by one of the Wardens, in the following form: Evidence of appointment of Lay Deputies.

DIOCESE OF ALABAMA, }
PARISH. }

This certifies that at a meeting of the Vestry of _____ Church, at _____, held on the _____ day of _____, 18—, A B and C were duly elected Lay Deputies to represent the same in the Council of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Alabama, at its Annual Council in the year of our Lord 18—. Form of credentials.

CANON II.

Of the Treasurer of the Council.

§1. The Secretary shall be *ex officio* Treasurer of the Council until a Treasurer is elected. He shall forward to

Secretary ex officio Treasurer of Council. due time to the Treasurer of the General Council the amount assessed upon the Diocese for the contingent expenses of the General Council.

CANON III.

Election of Deputies.

Deputies to General Council.

§1. The Diocesan Council shall elect at a regular annual meeting Deputies to the General Council, who shall continue in office until a new election shall be made.

CANON IV.

Division of Parishes.

Division of Parish.

§1. When any portion of a Parish in connection with this Council shall desire to be separated from the Parish to which they belong, and to be erected into a new Parish, they shall first secure the consent of the Parish, adopt the articles of association, and apply to the Council for admission. In case the Parish should not consent to the proposed division, the portion seeking for it shall make known the fact to the Council, and the Council shall then decide upon the expediency of separation.

CANON V.

Of the Vestry.

Of the Vestry when elected.

§1. In every Parish there shall be an annual election on Easter Monday, or on such day thereafter as the Parish may appoint, of a Vestry, consisting of not less than three, and not more than eleven members, who shall continue in office until their successors are chosen. Two of the Vestrymen shall be appointed to serve as Wardens, one of whom shall be designated as the Senior Warden of the Parish.

Vestry to elect Secretary, and his duty.

§2. The Vestry shall elect a Secretary, whose duty it shall be to take and record the minutes of their proceedings, attest the public acts of the Vestry, preserve all records and papers belonging to the Parish, perform all such other duties as shall be legally assigned to him, and faithfully deliver into the hands of his successor, all books and documents that may be in his possession belonging to the Parish.

Vestry to elect Treasurer, and his duty.

§3. The Vestry shall elect a Treasurer, whose duty it shall be to receive and disburse all monies collected under the authority of the Vestry, the collection and disbursement of which is not otherwise provided for. He shall keep an accurate account of all monies that come into his hands, and submit an exhibit of the same annually, and whenever called upon to do so.

Qualifications of voters for Vestrymen.

§4. In electing a Vestry, every person shall be entitled to vote who is a holder or renter of one entire pew, or is a contributor to the Church to such an amount as the respective Parishes shall appoint. When

two or more persons shall hold or rent a pew, they shall be jointly entitled to one vote; *Provided*, That in Churches in which the pews are neither owned nor rented by individuals, the qualifications for voters may be such as the Parish may determine. In forming new Parishes, no person shall be entitled to vote who has not signed the articles of Parochial association.

§5. No person shall be elected a Vestryman who is not a qualified voter in the Parish for which he is elected: *Provided*, That no person shall be qualified to act as Vestryman who does not believe in the truth of the Holy Scriptures, and approve the doctrine and worship of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

Qualifications
for Vestryman.

§6. It shall be the duty of the Vestry to take charge of the property of the Church, to regulate its temporal concerns, elect and call a Minister, and provide for his maintenance; to keep order in Church during the celebration of Divine worship, and in general to act as helpers to the Minister in whatever is appropriate to Laymen for the furtherance of the Gospel.

Duty of Vestry.

§7. It shall be the duty of the Wardens especially to provide the elements of the Lord's Supper, to collect the alms at the administration of the same, to keep and disburse such alms in case the Church is destitute of a Minister, to provide for the celebration of public worship, and the instruction of the congregation by occasional clerical services, or by lay reading, as circumstances may permit.

Duty of Wardens.

§8. The Rector of every Parish shall *ex officio* preside as chairman at Vestry meetings, and shall be entitled to a casting vote in case of a tie, in all questions except those in which he may be personally concerned. The Rector shall have power to call Vestry meetings at any time, giving reasonable notice, and it shall be his duty to do so whenever he may be requested by three members of the Vestry. In his absence, or if the Parish is without a Rector, the Senior Warden, or any two members of the Vestry, shall have power to call Vestry meetings, giving reasonable notice.

The Rector to
preside at and
call Vestry meet-
ings.

In his absence.
the Sen. Warden.

§9. There shall be holden four regular Vestry meetings in each year, one on Easter Monday, and the others quarterly thereafter.

Vestry meetings,
when held.

§10. Vacancies in the Vestry, caused by death, resignation or otherwise, may be filled by the remaining members.

Vestry, vacan-
cies in, how fill-
ed.

CANON VI.

Of the Clergy.

§1. Before the meeting of every Council, the Bishop, or if there be no Bishop, the clerical members of the Standing Committee shall cause to be prepared a list of all the clergymen canonically resident in the Diocese, annexing the names of their respective cures, or parishes, or stations as Missionaries, or of the Institutes of learning in which they are engaged; and the places of residence of such as are not employed in either of the

List of Clergy to
be presented to
Council.

When called.

were above mentioned, specifying the names of members of either class are Deacons; but no person, while suspended from the Ministry, shall have a place on such list; and such list shall be laid before the Council immediately after it shall have been called to order, and the names of clerical members called therefrom. The same shall be appended to the Journal, and the list sent to the Secretary of the General Council.

Right to speak.

§2. When the right of any clergyman to a seat in the Council is disputed, it shall be determined by the Council according to the provisions of the Constitution, whether his name be inserted in the list aforesaid, or omitted.

Candidates ineligible.

§3. No person who is a candidate for Holy Orders in the Church shall be permitted to accept an appointment as Deputy to the Council of the Diocese.

TITLE II.

GENERAL REGULATIONS OF MINISTERS AND THEIR OFFICE

CANON I.

Of Attendance Upon Council.

Duty of Clergy to attend Council.

§1. The regular attendance of the clergy at the meetings of the Council, being deemed of great importance to the interests of the Church, is a duty with which no slight obstacle should be allowed to interfere. And it is recommended to the Parishes to make provision for the expenses of their respective Ministers in attending the Council.

CANON II.

Of Admission to Parish.

Admission of Clergyman to Parish.

§1. No clergyman shall be admitted to the pastoral charge of any Parish unless he first produce to the Vestry thereof a certificate from the Bishop, or in case there be no Bishop, from the Standing Committee, that he has presented satisfactory testimonials that he is an accredited Minister of the Church in good standing.

CANON III.

Of Parish Register and Reports.

§1. Every Minister shall keep a register of all the baptisms, confirmations, marriages and funerals solemn-

ized by him, or in his Parish by any other Minister, Minister shall specifying the names and times of birth of the children keep register. baptized, together with the names of the parents and sponsors; the names of the adults baptized, and also the witnesses of the baptism; the names of those confirmed, and by whom; the names of persons married, and of persons buried; and also the times when each rite and sacrament were performed. This register shall be kept in a book provided for that purpose, and belonging to the Vestry in each Parish, which book shall be called the Parish Register, and be considered as a part of the Records of the Parish.

§2. In addition to the Register above named, the Minister of each Parish shall keep a list of the communicants and families within his cure, specifying the time when the former became communicants of his Parish, and whether by removal from some other Parish or otherwise. Further record.

§3. Every Minister shall, on or before the first day of every Annual Council, deliver, or cause to be delivered, to the Bishop of the Diocese, or if there be no Bishop, to the President of the Council, a statement of the number of baptisms, marriages, funerals, and confirmations within his cure since the last Council, and also the number of communicants, specifying the number of removals, deaths, and additions from other churches, or otherwise, during the same time; and also of the number of pupils and teachers connected with the Sunday Schools, and of all contributions for benevolent objects, by subscription or public collections, together with a concise statement of whatever other matters may be important in showing the state of the Parish. Minister to report to Bishop.

§4. In every Parish destitute of a Minister, the Register shall be kept by some person appointed by the Vestry for that purpose; and the Annual Parochial Reports shall be presented or forwarded to the Bishop, or President of the Council, if there be no Bishop, by the Wardens of the Parish. When Wardens make report.

TITLE III.

OF DISCIPLINE.

CANON I.

Of the Board of Preliminary Inquiry.

§1. There shall be in this Diocese a Board of Preliminary Inquiry, to consist of three Presbyters, to be elec-

- How constituted.** tal annually by the Council and to continue in office until their successors are chosen.
- When and by whom to be summoned.** §2. Whenever charges in writing against any minister of this Diocese signed by either: 1, the Vestrymen, or a majority of them, of the Parish whereof the accused is a minister; or 2, by three male communicants of the church in good standing, of whom one at least is a Presbyter; or 3, whenever a minister of this Diocese shall have reason to believe that there are in circulation reports or charges affecting his moral, religious or clerical character, and shall demand of the Bishop a formal investigation of the same; or 4, whenever at his own instance the Bishop shall judge that such an investigation would subserve the interests of the Church, it shall be the duty of the Bishop to summon the Board of Preliminary Inquiry.
- Summons in writing.** §3. The summons shall be in writing, and shall designate the time and place of meeting, of which thirty days' notice shall be given to the accused, and he may appear to rebut or explain away the summons and charges so alleged.
- Accused may appear.** §4. It shall be the duty of every member of the Board to attend at the time and place designated, but a majority may proceed in the inquiry. On assembling, the Board shall organize by choosing from among themselves a President and Secretary. In case of a vacancy in the Board, or when the person accused is a member of the same, the remaining members shall fill the vacancy. The sittings of the Board shall be private.
- Investigation how conducted.** §5. In conducting the investigation the Board shall institute such enquiries as they may deem advisable, and shall hear the accusations and charges and such proof as may be presented, together with such rebutting evidence and explanations as the party accused may offer, all which evidence taken shall be under the solemnity of an oath, or in writing signed by the person or persons testifying, and shall then determine whether upon matters of law and fact as presented to them there is sufficient ground to put the accused upon his trial.
- Adverse decision, how to proceed.** If a majority of the Board present shall be of opinion that there are sufficient grounds, they shall cause to be prepared a presentment, to be signed by such of the Board as agree thereto, which presentment so signed they shall transmit to the Bishop, and shall also furnish to the accused a copy of the same, and in all cases the presentment shall specify the grounds of accusation with reasonable certainty of time, place and circumstance.
- If decision is favorable.** If a majority of the Board present shall be of opinion that there is not sufficient ground to put the accused on his trial, the charges, together with a certificate of the President of the Board of its refusal to make a presentment, shall be sent to the Secretary of the Council to be deposited among the archives of that House, and no proceedings shall thereafter be had by way of pre-

sentment on such charges except upon the affidavit of a respectable communicant of the church of the discovery of new testimony as to the facts charged, and setting forth what such testimony is.

§6. No presentment shall be found in any case unless the alledged offence shall have been committed within three years, next before the day on which the summons to the Board was dated. But if the accused shall have been convicted of the alledged offence in a municipal court, notwithstanding three years may have elapsed since its commission, a presentment may be founded on charges delivered to the Bishop at any time within one year after such conviction.

Presentment.

When it must be made.

§7. If from the offence charged it shall appear to the Board of Inquiry that great scandal is likely to arise from the accused continuing to perform his clerical duties, the Bishop upon their recommendation may, after presentment is made, inhibit him from performing ministerial services until sentence shall be given.

Accused, when to be inhibited.

CANON II.

Of the Trial of a Clergyman.

§1. Any Priest or Deacon amenable to the Ecclesiastical Authority of this Diocese, may be presented for trial on charges for the following offences, viz: "

Offences for which a clergyman may be tried.

1. Crime or Immorality. 2. Holding and teaching publicly or privately and advisedly any doctrine contrary to that held by the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Confederate States. 3. Violation of the Constitution and Canons of the General Council. 4. Violation of the Constitution and Canons of this Diocese. 5. Any act which involves a breach of his ordination vows, or for conduct disgraceful to the clerical profession.

§2. There shall be an Ecclesiastical Court for the Diocese of Alabama to try such charges as may be preferred against any Priest or Deacon of said Diocese. It shall be composed of three Presbyters not members of the Board of Preliminary Inquiry. They shall be annually elected by the Council and hold their office until their successors are chosen. If a vacancy should occur in the court by death or removal, or by the accused being a member of the court, the vacancy shall be filled by the remaining members of the court.

The Court how organized.

Vacancies how filled.

A presentment being made, as provided for by Title III., Canon 1, the Bishop shall forthwith appoint a time and place for the assembling of the court, the time being not less than six weeks nor more than four months, of which the accused shall have thirty days' notice by summons to appear and answer. The Bishop shall have power, until the court assembles, to issue summons for such witnesses as he may deem necessary for the defence or for the support of the charges preferred.

The Bishop to summons the Court and the accused.

§3. The court being assembled shall appoint a President and Secretary, the first from their own body and the last from their own body or otherwise. They shall

The officers of the Court

also appoint a Church Advocate, who may be of the profession of the law, and shall be a communicant of this church, and who thenceforward shall in all stages of the proceedings represent the church and be the party on the one hand while the accused is the party on the other. The accused may appear by counsel, but such counsel shall not consist of more than one person, and he also shall be a communicant of this church.

Accused may appear by counsel.
Of a journey. The trial may be public if the court or the accused require it so to be. The court shall have power to adjourn from time to time, and from place to place, within the Diocese. If it fail to meet on the day appointed, it shall stand adjourned to the next day, and from day to day for the space of three days, if it be not sooner formed; and if the whole number do not attend, and it appears probable that a full attendance cannot be had, those of the court who may be present, not being less than two, may proceed to trial.

Testimony, how taken. The court shall cause the oral testimony for and against the accused to be written down, and together with the depositions and other evidence read upon the trial, to be carefully preserved, and shall cause a record to be kept of its proceedings. The oath to the witnesses may be administered, either by the court, or by some officer authorized by law to administer an oath, as the court may determine.

Contumacy. §4. If the accused do not appear after due notice, or furnish satisfactory reasons for his non-appearance, the court may proceed to trial in his absence, or for good cause shown, may adjourn the trial to another day; and if he refuse or decline to appear, without satisfactory reasons, the court shall report him to the Bishop for contumacy, who shall thereupon pass upon him the sentence of suspension from the ministry. But such sentence may be revised by the Bishop if the accused within three calendar months shall report to him that he is prepared to undergo his trial, and shall appear for that purpose before the court; and if he do not so report himself and appear, the Bishop, in view of the charges in the presentment, may pass upon him the sentence of degradation from the ministry.

Sentence for the same. §5. Upon the application of the Church Advocate, or of the accused to the Bishop, a reasonable time before the trial, setting forth that the attendance of a material witness can not be had, he shall appoint a clergyman or layman as a commissioner to take the deposition of such witness, and the party so applying shall give to the other party not less than five days' notice of the time and place of taking the deposition. If the party to whom such notice is given shall reside more than forty miles from the place appointed for taking the deposition, an additional day exclusive of Sundays shall be allowed for every twenty miles. The examination shall be in writing, and shall be signed by the witness or witnesses, and the deposition certified by the commissioner and transmitted under seal to the court. The testimony

Of depositions.
How to be taken.

so taken shall be upon oath, which may be administered by the commissioner or by an officer authorized by the law to administer an oath.

§6. When the trial shall be gone through, the accused shall retire, and the court shall declare in writing, to be signed by the several members, or a majority of them, their decision on the charges contained in the presentment, distinctly stating whether they find the accused guilty or not guilty on the several specifications, and if guilty, determining what sentence in their opinion ought to be pronounced. They shall forward their decision, together with the evidence and the record of the proceedings, to the Bishop, whereupon the Bishop shall pronounce such sentence as shall to him appear proper, it being not of a higher grade than that determined by the court, and such sentence shall be final. But if, in the opinion of the Bishop, the accused ought to have a new trial, he shall have power to order it.

The verdict.

Proceedings to be sent to the Bishop.

§7. If at any time the accused shall confess the truth of the charges, the Bishop, such confession being made to him, or being certified to him by the court, shall proceed to pass sentence. If when put upon his trial before the court the accused shall neither admit nor deny the charges, he shall be regarded as pleading not guilty, and the trial shall proceed.

If the accused confesses.

Makes no plea.

§8. It shall be the duty of the Bishop to report to the Council at its next session after the trial of any clergyman, as herein provided, the finding of the court, and his sentence thereupon.

Proceedings to be reported to the Council.

§9. Any minister may be presented for holding and teaching doctrine inconsistent with that of this church by a Presbyter of good standing, but in no other mode, nor shall it be lawful for two or more persons to unite in such presentment. The trial shall proceed as herein provided, except in these particulars, viz: 1. The person making such presentment shall appoint the Church Advocate. 2. The trial may be at any time not exceeding one year after the date of the presentment. 3. The court shall consist of all the Presbyters entitled to seats in the Council, of whom a majority shall constitute a quorum, but the consent of three fourths of the members present shall be necessary to conviction.

Case of Heresy.

TITLE IV.

MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS.

CANON I.

Of the Repeal of Canons.

Repeal of Re-
peal, not re-en-
actment.

§1. Whenever there shall be a repealing clause in any Canon, and the said Canon shall be repealed, such repeal shall not be a re-enactment of the Canon or Canons repealed by the said repealing clause.

CANON II.

Of the Enactment and Alteration of Canons.

Form of altering
Canons.

§1. In all cases of future enactment, the same, if by way of amendment of an existing provision, shall be in the following form: "Canon — (or section — of Canon —,) (or clause — of section — of Canon —) of Title —, is hereby amended so as to read as follows." And if the enactment is of an additional clause, section or Canon, it shall be designated as the next Canon, or next section, or next clause of a Canon or section, in the order of numbering of the Title to which the subject properly belongs; and if a Canon or section, or clause be stricken out, the existing numbering shall be retained until a new edition of the Canons be directed.

Alteration of,
and addition to
Canons.

§2. No proposed alteration of, or addition to the Canons shall be considered by the Council, (unless by unanimous consent) without at least one day's notice thereof in open Council; nor shall such alteration or addition be adopted during the same Council, if two-thirds of the votes of both orders shall not concur therein, but in such case the same shall lie over for consideration until the next annual meeting of the Council.

Repeal.

§3. All former Canons are hereby repealed.

Rules of Order.

RULE 1. The business of the first day of the session of every Council shall be introduced by the Morning Service of the Church, read by the President, or by a clerical member appointed by him, a Sermon and the administration of the Holy Communion, and that of each succeeding day by such prayers as he may select from the Liturgy.

RULE 2. The order of transacting the business of the Council shall be, first, the appointment of a President [if there be no Bishop, or if he be absent.] The Secretary shall then call in alphabetical order the names of the Clergy entitled to seats. He shall next call the Churches entitled to representation, when the Deputies shall lay their certificates on the Secretary's table. These shall be referred to a Committee of three, who shall forthwith examine them, and report to the Council. A constitutional quorum having been found present, the President shall declare the Council duly organized.

RULE 3. The further order of business shall be as follows :

1—The appointment of a President from among the clerical members present [if there be no Bishop, or if he be absent.]

2—The appointment of a Secretary.

3—The consideration of the application of Churches or Parishes for admission into union with the Council.

4—The appointment by the President, of Standing Committees, viz :

1st, The Committee on the State of the Church.

2d, The Committee on Canons.

3d, The Committee on Finance.

4th, The Committee on Unfinished Business.

5—The annual communication of the Standing Committee of the Diocese.

6—The annual address of the Bishop, [if there be one, and be present.]

7—The reports of the Committees appointed at the last Council, with instructions to report at this Council.

8—The reading of the Parochial Reports.

9—The election of the Standing Committee of the Diocese, by ballot.

10—The election of Deputies to the General Council by ballot.

11—Reports to be called for.

12—Miscellaneous Business.

RULE 4. When the President takes the chair, no member shall continue standing, or shall stand up unless to address the President.

RULE 5. When a member is about to speak in debate, or present any subject to the Council, he shall, with due respect, address himself to the President, confining himself strictly to the matter under consideration.

RULE 6. No member shall absent himself from the sessions of the Council unless he have leave of the President, or be unable to attend.

RULE 7. No member shall speak more than twice upon the subject in debate, unless he have leave of the Council.

RULE 8. A question once determined, shall stand as the decision of the Council, and shall not be again discussed, unless with the consent of two-thirds of the Council: *Provided*, however, that any member of the Council voting in the affirmative may, on the same day, or within the vote is taken, move for a reconsideration of the said vote.

RULE 9. No motion shall be debated, or be considered before the Council, [except a motion to adjourn] unless seconded, and reduced to writing [if requested] by the mover, and read by the Secretary.

RULE 10. When a motion is under consideration, no other motion shall be entertained except to lay on the table, for the previous question, to postpone to a day certain, to commit, to amend, to divide, or to postpone indefinitely, which motions shall take precedence in the order here written. A motion to adjourn, however, shall always be in order and decided without debate.

RULE 11. A question on amendment shall be decided before the original motion, unless the previous question shall have been ordered.

RULE 12. Every member who shall be present when the question is put shall vote, unless he be personally interested, or be excused from voting by the Council.

RULE 13. The Rules of Order may at any time be suspended by a vote of two-thirds of the Council present, if such number be a quorum.

RULE 14. The Council may, at any time, upon a vote of the majority, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration and discussion of any matter.

DIOCESAN OFFICERS.

Standing Committee.

REV. F. R. HANSON, Macon, President.
REV. R. A. COBBS, Uniontown, Secretary.
REV. J. H. TUCKER, Selma.
A. W. ELLERBE, H. A. TAYLOR, R. B. WALLER.

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A. W. ELLERBE, S. G. JONES,
A. R. BELL, Montgomery, Treasurer.

Board of Preliminary Inquiry.

REV. J. A. MASSEY, REV. H. N. PIERCE, REV. F. B. LEE.

Ecclesiastical Court.

REV. J. M. BANISTER, REV. J. M. MITCHELL,
REV. H. SANSON, D. D.

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REV. J. M. MITCHELL,
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No. 3. C. T. POLLARD, No. 4. SAMUEL G. JONES.

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Treasurer of Diocesan Missions.

THOMAS W. MCCOY, Mobile.

Treasurer of the Diocese.

JOHN A. LODGE, Cahaba.

Secretary of the Council.

HENRY A. TAYLOR, Macon, Marengo County.

Articles of Association.

WE, whose names are hereunto affixed, deeply impressed with the importance of the Christian religion, and earnestly desiring to promote its holy influence in the hearts and lives of ourselves, our families, and our neighbors, do hereby associate ourselves together under the name and style and title of the Parish of — Church, —, — County, and State of Alabama, and by so doing adopt the Constitution and Canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Alabama, in communion with the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Confederate States of America.

Agreesably to Canon XI, 1850, we certify to the Convention of the Diocese of Alabama, that the above recited articles of Association have been duly signed by the members of the Parish of — Church, —.

Certificate of Deputies.

This certifies that at a meeting of the Vestry of — Church, —, held on — day of —, A, B and C, were duly elected Lay Deputies to represent the same in the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the Diocese of Alabama, to be holden on the — day of —, in the year of our Lord —. [*Canon I., § 5, Title I.*]

Form of Parochial Report.

| — Parish. | — Rector. | — Date. |
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| Baptisms—White, adults, —; infants, —;..... | Total, — | |
| Colored, adults, —; infants, —;..... | “ — | |
| Confirmations—White, —; colored, —;..... | “ — | |
| Marriages—White, —; colored, —;..... | “ — | |
| Funerals—White, —; colored, —;..... | “ — | |
| Communicants—White, at last report, —; Added, —; Died, —; Re- | | |
| moved, —; pres't No..... | “ — | |
| Colored, at last report, —; Added, —; Died, —; Removed, | | |
| moved, —; pres't No..... | — | |
| Sunday School—Teachers, —; scholars, white, —; colored, —;..... | Total, — | |
| Library Books..... | — | |
| Communion Administered..... | — | |
| Communion Offerings..... | — | |
| Collections—Diocesan Missions..... | — | |
| Domestic Missions..... | — | |
| Foreign Missions..... | — | |
| For Parochial Schools..... | — | |
| For Church purposes generally..... | — | |
| Time spent in the Parish in the performance of its regular duties, since | | |
| last report..... | — months. | |
| REMARKS— | | |

Journal of the Proceedings

OF THE

SOCIETY FOR THE RELIEF OF DISABLED CLERGY-
MEN, AND OF THE WIDOWS AND ORPHANS OF
DECEASED CLERGYMEN OF PROTESTANT
EPISCOPAL CHURCH,

IN THE DIOCESE OF ALABAMA.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, GREENSBORO', }
May 9th, 8 o'clock, p. m. }

After Evening Prayer, the Society for the Relief of Disabled Clergymen and the Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen was called to order by the Secretary. Rev. F. B. Lee was called to the chair. The roll was called, and the following members were present :

Rev. Messrs. F. R. Hanson, F. B. Lee, J. M. Mitchell, J. A. Massey, R. A. Cobbs, J. J. Nicholson, G. F. Cushman, D. D., J. C. Waddill, H. A. Tayloe, David Minge, R. P. McCord, S. G. Jones, and others.

On motion, the Society proceeded to the election of its annual officers.

Right Rev. R. H. WILMER, D. D., was nominated and elected President.

Mr. HENRY A. TAYLOE, Secretary.

Mr. GEORGE P. BEIRNE, Treasurer.

The annual account of the Treasurer was presented :

ANNUAL STATEMENT of the Treasurer of the Society for the Relief of Widows, Orphans, &c., of the Diocese of Alabama, May 1, 1863.

COLLECTIONS MAY CONVENTION, 1861.

Annual Members.

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|----------------------------------------------|-------------------------|----------|
| M. J. Conley..... | Miss Mary Goldthwaite.. | |
| Col. C. T. Pollard..... | Mrs. J. D. Phelan..... | |
| A. R. Bell..... | Mrs. Bell..... | |
| A. S. Jeffries..... | S. G. Jones..... | |
| Mrs. S. G. Jones..... | C. T. Pollard..... | |
| H. A. Tayloe..... | Miss Randolph..... | |
| A. W. Ellerbe..... | Miss Fanny Avery..... | |
| Mrs. Anna L. Lee..... | Mrs. M. C. Lockwood... | |
| Miss R. M. Lee..... | Miss F. J. Lee..... | |
| Miss Harriet Lee..... | David Minge..... | |
| W. P. Bocock..... | Miss Reynolds..... | |
| Mrs. Geo. Bibb..... | Mrs. J. B. Lang..... | |
| Miss Lang..... | Miss S. Lang..... | |
| Miss K. Lang..... | Rev. F. B. Lee..... | |
| Rev. R. D. Nevius..... | Mrs. W. P. Bocock..... | |
| | at \$5 each..... | \$150 00 |
| Collections St. John's Church, Montgomery... | | 70 53 |
| Offerings St. Andrews, Macon..... | | 6 40 |

Members with Benefit.

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| Rev. J. J. Nicholson | \$40 00 | |
| Rev. F. R. Hanson..... | 40 00 | |
| Rev. F. B. Lee..... | 40 00 | |
| Rev. J. M. Mitchell..... | 20 00 | |
| J. C. Waddell, for 1860 and 1861..... | 20 00— | 160 00 |
| 1861—Oct. 1. Bishop H. C. Lay..... | | 40 00 |

COLLECTIONS,

As per advice Rev. J. M. Mitchell, 16th Nov., 1862.

Annual Members.

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| Rev. J. C. Waddill..... | 8 00 |
| Rev. R. D. Nevius..... | 5 00 |
| Miss Serena Lang..... | 5 00 |
| Miss Kate Lang..... | 5 00 |
| Miss Mary Lang..... | 5 00 |
| Miss Regina Lee..... | 5 00 |
| Miss Josephine Lee..... | 5 00 |
| Miss Harriett Lee..... | 5 00 |
| Mrs. A. L. Lee..... | 5 00 |
| Mrs. S. Lockwood..... | 5 00 |
| Rev. J. F. Smith..... | 5 00 |
| Miss Jane Randolph..... | 5 00 |
| Miss Sally Lang..... | 5 00 |
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| | \$68 00 |

Member with Benefit.

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| Rev. F. B. Lee..... | 40 00 | 108 00 |
| | | <hr/> \$534 93 |

BALANCE SHEET—1st May, 1863.

| | Dr. | Cr. |
|------------------------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Cash account..... | \$308 41 | |
| Stock account..... | | 8,016 32 |
| Interest account..... | | 5,445 09 |
| Ala. & Miss. Rivers R. R. Bond..... | 500 00 | |
| Memphis & Charleston Railroad Stock...., | 211 25 | |
| Profit and Loss..... | | 11,772 00 |
| Confederate Bonds..... | 28 00 | |
| | <hr/> \$25,233 41 | <hr/> 25,233 41 |

ASSETS IN THE TREASURY, May 1, 1863.

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| 865 shares Memphis and Charleston R. R. Co..... | \$21,625 00 |
| Miss. & Ala. Rivers Railroad Co. Bond No. 302..... | 500 00 |
| Confederate States A Bonds..... | 2,800 00 |
| Cash | 308 41 |
| | <hr/> \$25,233 41 |

The Treasurer states that no report was made at the last Convention in consequence of his imprisonment at the time in Huntsville by Gen. Mitchell, of the Federal army. He suggests that a large number of the annual members are in default, and should pay up their dues.

Appropriation should be made out of the funds of the Society, in accordance with the Constitution and By-Laws, to the widow of the late Rt. Rev. N. H. Cobbs, so long our beloved Diocesan.

All which is respectfully submitted.

GEO. P. BEIRNE.

Huntsville, May 1, 1863.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Treasurer of the Society for the relief of Disabled Clergymen and the Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen, be instructed to pay unto Mrs. L. H. L. Cobbs, widow of the Rt. Rev. N. H. Cobbs, deceased, one hundred and sixty dollars per annum, from the 1st day of May, 1861.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Society appropriate the sum of two hundred dollars to the widow and children of the late Rev. C. A. Derby, and that the Treasurer be instructed to pay the same to her order.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the marked success of this Society in collecting a fund, which by a steady growth has now attained a goodly magnitude, indicating God's approval of the purposes of the Society, affords ample encouragement for continued effort, and abundant assurance that such effort will ere long make the Society the pride of the Diocese, and a most effective instrumentality in extending the Kingdom of Christ.

A collection was taken up for the benefit of the Society.

After Prayer and the Benediction, the Society adjourned *sine die*.

F. B. LEE, President, pro. tem.

H. A. TAYLOR, Secretary,

On motion, *Resolved*, That the marked success of this Society in collecting a fund, which by a steady growth has now attained a goodly magnitude, indicating God's approval of the purposes of the Society, affords ample encouragement for continued effort, and abundant assurance that such effort will ere long make the Society the pride of the Diocese, and a most effective instrumentality in extending the Kingdom of Christ.

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After Prayer and the Benediction, the Society adjourned *die.*

F. B. LEE, President, pro tem.

H. A. TAYLOR, Secretary,

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THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, MONTGOMERY, ALA., }
Ascension Day, May 5th, 1864. }

This day being appointed for the meeting of the Thirty-third Annual Council of the Diocese of Alabama, the Clergy and Laity assembled in St. John's Church, in Montgomery. Divine service commenced at 10 o'clock, A. M. Morning Prayer was read by Rev. Messrs. R. A. COBBS, R. H. COBBS and J. F. SMITH; and the ante-Communion Service by the Bishop; the Gospel and Epistle, by Rev. Dr. SANSOM. The Sermon was preached by Rev. H. N. PIERCE, D. D., from the 12th chapter, of the 1st Epistle to the Corinthians, 12th verse:

"For, as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body being many, are one body, so also, is Christ."

After the Sermon, the Rev. J. M. MITCHELL and Rt. Rev. R. H. WILMER, read the Communion Service. The Communion was administered by the Bishop, assisted in the distribution of the elements by the Rev. Messrs. J. M. MITCHELL, R. A. COBBS, J. F. SMITH, R. H. COBBS and Dr. SANSOM.

After the Benediction, the congregation was dismissed, and the Deputies assembled in St. John's (old Parish) Church.

The Rt. Rev. Bishop called the Council to order, and presented a list of the Clergy entitled to seats.

The names being called, the following Clergy responded:

Rt. Rev. R. H. WILMER, D. D.

Rev. T. J. BEARD,

" R. A. COBBS,

" G. F. CUSHMAN, D. D.

" J. Y. GHOLSON,

" J. S. JARRATT,

" EDWARD MCCLURE,

" J. M. MITCHELL,

" J. J. NICHOLSON,

" H. N. PIERCE, D. D.

" J. A. SHEPHERD,

" W. A. SICKNEY,

Rev. JOHN W. BECKWITH,

" R. H. COBBS,

" A. F. DOBB,

" F. R. HANSON,

" F. B. LEE,

" A. MENÆOS,

" R. D. NEVIUS,

" W. J. PERDUE,

" HENRY SANSOM, D. D.

" J. F. SMITH,

" J. H. TICKNOR,

" J. C. WADDILL.

The Rt. Rev. R. H. WILMER presented a list of the Clergy *canonically* resident in the Diocese, as required by Canon VI.

Rt. Rev. RICHARD H. WILMER, D. D., Greensboro'.

Rev. J. M. BANISTER, Church of the Nativity, Huntsville.

" T. J. BEARD, St. James' Church, Eufaula.

“ Jno. W. Beckwith, Trinity Church, Demopolis.

“ Wm. Bister, Chaplain C. S. A., Mobile.

“ W. D. CHRISTIAN, (Deacon) Canebrake Mission, Faunsdale.

" R. A. COBBS, Church of the Holy Cross, Uniontown.

" R. H. COBBS, St. Paul's Church, Greensboro'.

“ THOS. A. COOK, Talladega.

" GEO. F. CUSHMAN, D. D., St. Luke's Church, Cahaba.

" A. F. DOBB, St. Alban's Church, Gainesville.

“ J. Y. GHOLSON, St. Michael's Church, Faunsdale Station.

“ J. B. GRAY, temporarily in Maryland.

" F. R. HANSON, St. Andrew's Church, Macon.

“ J. S. JARRATT, Missionary in Butler and Montgomery counties,
Montgomery.

" F. B. LEE, St. Paul's Church, Carlowville.

“ EDWARD McClURE, St. Wilfrid's Church, Marion.

" J. A. MASSEY, Trinity Church, Mobile.

A. D. McCoy, St. James' Church, Livingston.

A. MEXEOS, St. John's in the Prairies, Greensboro'.

Jno. M. MITCHELL, St. John's Church, Montgomery.

R. D. NEVIUS, Christ Church, Tuskalooosa.

* J. J. NICHOLSON, Post Chaplain C. S. A. and Miss'y, Talladega.

S. F. PHILLIPS, Savannah, Ga.

“ W. J. PERDUE, St. Mary's Church, Camden.

H. N. PIERCE, D. D., St. John's Church, Mobile.

J. B. RAMSDELL.

“ J. M. ROBERTSON, St. John's, Madison County, Huntsville.

HENRY SANSOM, D. D., Christ Church, Mobile.

“ S. U. SMITH, { St. Mark's, Fork of Greene, } Eutaw.
 { St. Stephen's, Eutaw. }

J. F. SMITH, { St. Matthew's, Autaugaville, }
 { St. Paul's, Lowndesboro'. } Lowndesboro'.

J. B. T. SMITH, Florence.

J. A. SHEPHERD, Rector of Hamner Hall, Montgomery.

“ W. A. STICKNEY, Canebroke Mission, Faunsdale Station.

J. H. TICKNOR, St. Paul's Church, Selma.

JNO. H. TILLINGHAST, Deacon, assisting at Trinity Church, Mobile.

J. C. WADDILL, Assistant Rector, St. James's Church, Livingston.

List of Clergy officiating in Diocese of Alabama, not transferred :

Rev. C. S. HEDGES, D. D., of Louisiana, Emanuel Church, Opelika.

“ J. J. SCOTT, D. D., of Florida, officiating in Montgomery.

The list of Parishes was then called, and Certificates of Election were

presented and referred to a Committee upon Certificates of Election, consisting of Revs. R. A. COBBS, R. D. NEVIUS and J. C. WADDILL, who reported as follows:

The Committee upon Certificates of Election, having examined the same, report the following in due form, and the following Lay Deputies entitled to seats : R. A. COBBS, Chm'n.

Christ Church, Mobile.—Thomas W. McCoy, Henry Farrow, Daniel Fitler, George A. Tuthill, Geo. Cleveland.

St. Paul's Church, Greensboro'.—R. B. Waller, A. S. Jeffries, C. L. Stickney, A. Stollenworck, A. Benners.

Trinity Church, Demopolis.—F. S. Lyon, W. W. Reese, Daniel F. Prout.

St. John's Church, Montgomery.—Charles T. Pollard, Jno. D. Phelan, Thomas B. Taylor, P. T. Sayre, A. R. Bell.

St. Wilfrid's Church, Marion.—L. N. Walthall, Powhatan Lockett, J. S. Seawell, Geo. W. Jones, David Lockhart.

St. Paul's Church, Selma.—A. G. Mabry, N. H. R. Dawson, J. Morgan, R. N. Philpot.

St. James's Church, Livingston.—S. W. Murley, Thomas Cobbs, L. F. Whitehead.

St. Luke's Church, Cahaba.—E. M. Perine, M. M. Troy, Thomas M. Matthews, J. Bausman Duke.

St. Michael's Church, Marengo County.—David Minge, J. W. Dubose, R. H. Adams, G. W. H. Minge, K. C. Dubose.

St. John's Church, Mobile.—W. T. Walthall, R. M. Livingston, Jas. Bond, Henry A. Stickney, Aaron P. Cleveland.

St. Paul's Church, Carlisle.—H. L. Allison, Benj. Reynolds, J. M. Lee, J. B. Lee.

St. David's Church, Dallas County.—A. W. Ellerbe.

St. Andrew's Church, Macon.—W. P. Bocock, J. H. Dubose, H. A. Tayloe.

Church of the Holy Cross, Uniontown.—J. L. Price, Rob't Christian, Edwin Shield, W. H. Tayloe, J. M. Langhorne.

Trinity Church, Mobile.—W. G. Jones, Geo. F. Boone, G. Jordan, B. A. Whitaker, S. W. Cayce.

St. Matthew's Church, Autaugaville.—W. R. R. Wyatt, L. M. Whetstone.

Their names being called, the following Lay Deputies were found to be in attendance :

MESSRS. GEO. CLEVELAND,
POLLARD,
PHELAN,

MESSRS. ELLERBE,
BOCOCK,
H. A. TAYLOE,

MESSRS. TAYLOR,
 SAYRE,
 A. R. BELL,
 GEO. W. JONES,
 MURLEY,

MESSRS. SHIELD,
 BOONE,
 JORDAN,
 WHITAKER,
 BOND,

A. P. CLEVELAND.

A constitutional quorum being present, the President declared the Council duly organized.

The Council then proceeded to the appointment of a Secretary. HENRY A. TAYLOR was nominated and unanimously appointed Secretary.

An application was made to receive the Church of the Holy Comforter, Montgomery, into union with the Council.

MONTGOMERY, ALA., May, 1864.

We, whose names are hereunto affixed, deeply impressed with the importance of the Christian religion, and earnestly desiring to promote its holy influence in the hearts and lives of ourselves, our families, and our neighbors, do hereby associate ourselves together under the name, style and title of the *Church of the Holy Comforter*, city and county of Montgomery, State of Alabama, and by so doing, adopt the Constitution and Canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Alabama, in communion with the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Confederate States of America.

SAMUEL G. JONES,
 N. D. SPOTSWOOD,
 A. R. BAKER,
 J. W. SHEPHERD.

Agreeably to Canon XI., 1850, we certify to the Council of the Diocese of Alabama, that the above recited articles of Association have been duly signed by the members of the Church of the Holy Comforter.

SAM'L G. JONES.

A. R. BAKER, *Secretary*.

On motion, *Resolved, unanimously*, That the Church of the Holy Comforter, Montgomery, be admitted into union with this Council.

Whereupon, a certificate of election of Lay Deputies was presented, and referred to the Committee on Certificates of Election.

The Committee on Certificates of Election, reported the same to be in due form, and the following Lay Deputies entitled to seats:

SAMUEL G. JONES, N. D. SPOTSWOOD and J. W. SHEPHERD.

Their names being called, S. G. JONES, N. D. SPOTSWOOD and J. W. SHEPHERD, answered thereto.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Rules of Order of the last Council be adopted.

On motion, the Rules of Order were suspended.

On motion, *Resolved*, That Clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church, who may be present, and not entitled to seats in the Council, and Candidates for Orders, be invited to seats in the Council, and report their names to the Secretary.

On motion, A. W. ELLERBE was elected Treasurer *pro tem*.

The President appointed the following Standing Committees:

Committee on the State of the Church.—Rev. Messrs. Sansom, D. D., Hanson, Perdue, W. A. Stickney and Jarratt.

Committee on Canons.—Rev. Messrs. Cushman, D. D., H. N. Pierce, D. D., and J. Y. Gholson, of the Clergy; of the Laity, Messrs. Phelan, Bocock and Murley.

Committee on Finance.—Messrs. Ellerbe, Geo. Cleveland, Pollard, Jordan, S. G. Jones, Shield, Whitaker, Boone and H. A. Tayloe.

Committee on Unfinished Business.—Rev. Messrs. Mitchell, Nevius, and Ticknor.

The Secretary of the Standing Committee of the Diocese, made the following report:

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE

The Standing Committee of the Diocese of Alabama, respectfully report, that since the Council of 1868, they have signed testimonials in favor of Mr. FOSTER ELY, late a Minister of the Methodist Denomination, recommending him to the Bishop to be received as a Candidate for Holy Orders; and of Messrs. E. G. H. NICHOLSON and FOSTER ELY, Candidates for Orders, recommending them to the Bishop to be admitted to Deacon's Orders.

R. A. COBBS, Secretary.

On motion, *Resolved*, that the 6th Section of Rule of Order V, be suspended.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Bishop be requested to postpone the reading of his Annual Address until 11 o'clock, A. M., to-morrow.

On motion the Council adjourned until 9 o'clock, A. M., to-morrow.

ST. JOHN'S (OLD PARISH) CHURCH, MONTGOMERY, }
Friday, 9 o'clock, A. M. }

The Council met pursuant to adjournment. After Prayer by the President, the Roll was called, and the Minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

Messrs. H. STICKNEY and W. R. R. WYATT, appeared in Council.

Certificates of Election were presented and referred to the Committee on Certificates of Election.

The Committee on Certificates examined the same and reported them in due form, and the following Deputies entitled to seats:

St Mary's Church, Camden.—H. E. Curtis, R. H. Dawson, W. G. Fail.

St. Peter's Church, Lowndes County.—R. P. McCord.

The Chairman of the Committee on Canons, asked leave to sit during the Session of the Convention. Leave granted.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Bishop be requested to dispense with

the reading of the Parochial Reports, and that they be referred to the Committee on the State of the Church.

The Council then proceeded to the election of the Standing Committee of the Diocese by ballot. Rev. Messrs. DOWE and TILLINGHAST appointed tellers.

The ballots were counted, and the following Deputies, having a majority of the votes cast, were declared duly elected members of the Standing Committee for the ensuing year:

Rev. Messrs. SANSOM, D. D., PIERCE, D. D., and MANNY of the Clergy; and Messrs. SCHROEDER, WHITAKER and HAMMOND, of the Laity.

The President presented the account of THOS. W. MCCOY, Treasurer of the Diocesan Missionary Society.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF DIOCESEAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

THOMAS W. MCCOY, *Treasurer,*

In account with Diocesan Missionary Society of Alabama.

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| May 4.—To Balance per report to Council..... | \$1,397 07 |
| May 15.—To Cash received from Rev. R. A. Cobbs, viz: contribution Church of Holy Cross, Uniontown, \$45 35, do. St. David's, Dallas, short 19th Sept. \$10 00..... | 55 35 |
| May 18.—To Cash of Rev. J. Y. Gholson, St. Michael's, Marengo..... | 120 00 |
| Aug. 10.—To Cash of H. A. Tayloe, Esq., from St. An- drew's, Macon..... | 61 50 |
| Sept'r 3.—To Cash of Rev. R. D. Nevins, St. John's, Ely- ton..... | 100 00 |
| Sept'r 6.—To Cash of Rev. J. J. Nicholson, Chaplain, Tal- ladesa..... | 30 00 |
| Oct'r 14.—To Cash of Rev. R. A. Cobbs, viz: from Church Holy Cross, Uniontown,.....\$98 00 St. David's, Dallas County, 1. 15. 00 | 113 00 |
| Dec'r 30.—To Cash of Rev. J. M. Mitchell, St. John's, 1864. Montgomery..... | 500 00 |
| Jan'y 29.—To Cash of Rev. H. Sansom, D. D., Christ Church, Mobile..... | 2,000 00 |
| Feb'y 24.—To Cash of Rev. J. Y. Gholson, St. Michael's, Marengo..... | 75 00 |
| March 16.—To Cash of Rev. J. A. Manny, Trinity Church, Mobile..... | 680 00 |
| March 22.—To Cash of Rev. H. N. Pierce, D. D., St. John's Church, Mobile..... | 244 85 |

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| Aug. 27.—By Cash paid Bishop Wilmer's order of 24th of Aug., in favor Rev. G. S. Hedge..... | \$200 00 |
| Sept'r 4.—By Cash paid Bishop's order, 17th August, in favor of Rev. G. H. Hunt..... | 100 00 |

Amount carried forward,..... \$5,336 77 \$590 00

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| Amount brought forward,..... | \$5,386 77 | \$800 00 |
| Sept'r 5.—By Cash paid Bishop's order of 17th August, in favor of Rev. J. J. Nicholson,..... | | 100 00 |
| Oct'r 28.—By Cash paid Bishop's order of 8th Sept'r in 1864. favor of Rev. C. S. Hedges,..... | | 100 00 |
| Feb'y 5.—By Cash paid Bishop's order, 28th Jan., in favor of Rev. J. J. Nicholson,..... | | 100 00 |
| Feb'y 19.—By Cash paid Bishop's order, 28th Jan., in favor of Rev. W. J. Perdue,..... | | 100 00 |
| Feb'y 22.—By Cash paid Bishop's order, 16th Feb., in favor of Rev. J. S. Jarratt,..... | | 200 00 |
| March 16.—By Cash paid Bishop's order, 16th March, in favor of Rev. G. W. Stickney..... | | 200 00 |
| April 29.—By Cash paid Bishop's order, 19th April, in favor of Rev. G. W. Stickney, \$200 00 | | |
| Adding difference in currency 100 00 | | 300 00 |
| May 6.—By balance down, <i>old Currency on hand</i> ,.... | | 3,986 77 |
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| | \$5,386 77 | \$5,386 77 |
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| May 6.—To balance on hand, in <i>old Currency</i> | \$3,986 77 | |

THOMAS W. McCOY, Treasurer.

E. E.—Mobile, May 6th, 1864.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the election of Deputies to the General Council of the Protestant Episcopal Church, be postponed until the next Annual Meeting of the Council.

The Chairman of the Committee on Canons, made the following report:

The Committee on Canons report the following amendments, and recommend their adoption:

That Section 1, of Canon I, Title III, be stricken out, and the following be substituted for it:

HOW CONSTITUTED.

Section 1. Whenever, according to the provisions of Sect. 2, of this Canon, an investigation into the character and conduct of a Clergyman shall be required, it shall be duty of the Bishop to appoint three Clergymen to act as a Board of Preliminary Inquiry.

That in Section 4, the sentence beginning "In case of vacancy," be stricken out.

That, in Canon II, of the same Title, the word "eleven," be substituted for "three," in Section 2.

That, in the same Section, after the words "Canon 1," the following clause be inserted:

THE COURT—HOW CONSTITUTED.

The Bishop shall transmit to the accused a list of the members composing the Ecclesiastical Court, from which list the accused shall strike off five names, whereupon the Bishop shall strike off from the same list three other names, and the remaining members shall constitute the Court for the trial of the accused on the presentment made. But, if the accused shall refuse to strike off the five names, as above provided, then the Bishop, himself, shall strike off eight names, and the number so remaining, shall constitute said Court. The Court being thus constituted,

GEO. F. CUSHMAN, Chairman.

On motion, the Report was received, and the amendments unanimously concurred in.

The Committee on Unfinished Business, made the following report :

The Committee on Unfinished Business, respectfully report, that they find in the Journal of the last Council of the Diocese, the following resolutions requiring the action of this Council, to-wit:

On page 80.—“*Resolved*, That the Constitution, as approved, be referred to the consideration of the next Council.”

On page 81.—“*Resolved*, That the consideration of the proposed amendment to Canon III., be postponed till the next meeting of this Council.”

The proposed amendment referred to in said Resolution, is as follows;

“*Resolved*, That the 1st Section of Canon III., (now Section 2, of Canon I,) be amended by striking out the word “Parishioners,” and substituting the word “Communicants.”

The Committee report also, that they find in the Journal of the General Council, the attention of the several Diocesan Councils called to the following proposed amendment to the Constitution of the General Council, found on page 89, of the Journal of the House of Deputies:

“*Resolved*, The House of Bishops concurring, that Article V. of the Constitution of this Church be amended by striking out all after the words “Article V.,” and inserting the following:

“Every Diocesan Council shall be composed of the Bishop or Bishops of the Diocese, and of such other Clergymen and such Lay representatives as shall be determined by the Constitution thereof.”

JNO. M. MITCHELL, Chairman.

On motion, the Council proceeded to the consideration of the Report.

On motion, *Unanimously Resolved*, That the Constitution, as approved by the last Council, be approved, and the Constitution adopted.

The Council proceeded to the consideration of the proposed amendment to Section 1, Canon III., now Section 2, Canon I.

The hour for the Special Order having arrived, the Bishop read his Annual Address.

ANNUAL ADDRESS

*of Bishop Wilmer to the Council of the Diocese of Alabama,
May 5, 1864.*

May 7, 1863.—I attended the Session of the Diocesan Council of Alabama, in St. Paul's Church, Greensboro', and after the opening sermon, by the Rev. W. A. SUGGEX, I administered the Holy Communion. This, and the two following days, were spent in attendance upon the sessions of the Council.

May 10th.—After a sermon, by the Rev. J. M. BANISTER, I confirmed two persons in St. Paul's Church, Greensboro'.

May 17th.—Sunday after Ascension.—I preached in Church of Nativity, Huntsville, morning and afternoon.

May 18th.—Preached again in same Church and confirmed seven persons. Also catechised the children of the Parish in the afternoon.

May 19th.—Preached again in same Church and confirmed five persons.

May 20th.—Preached at “St. John's, in the Wilderness.”

The occupation of the extreme northern section of the State by hostile forces, prevented me from visiting Florence, Tuscumbia, and other points.

June 8d.—I confirmed two persons in St. Paul's Church, Greensboro'.

June 7th.—1st Sunday after Trinity.—I preached in St. John's Church, Montgomery, and administered the Holy Communion. At night, preached in same Church and confirmed five persons.

From this time until October, I was in the State of Virginia, officiating in the pulpit as I had opportunity and ability. I do not deem it necessary to make any report of my labors during my absence from Alabama.

July 1st.—I received the Rev. JOHN W. BECKWITH into the Diocese of Alabama by letters dimissory from the Bishop of Mississippi.

July 31st.—Received from the Standing Committee, testimonials, recommending FOSTER ELY to be received as a candidate for Holy Orders. He was received accordingly.

Aug 31.—Received from the Standing Committee the testimonials of E. G. H. NICHOLSON, recommending him to be admitted to Deacon's Orders.

September 7.—Received the Rev. EDWARD MCCLUNE into the Diocese of Alabama by letters dimissory from the Bishop of Mississippi.

October 15th.—I preached in Trinity Church, Auburn, and confirmed one person. On same day, I licensed FOSTER ELY to officiate as lay-reader in the army.

October 17th.—Preached in Emanuel Church, Opelika, and confirmed two persons. The Rev. Dr. HEDGECOCK, of New Orleans, officiates at this and sundry other points on the Montgomery and West Point Railroad.

October 18th.—20th Sunday after Trinity.—I preached at Snowden, near Montgomery, and administered the Holy Communion. At night, I confirmed a servant of the Rev. Mr. JARRATT.

October 19th.—I baptised a sick soldier in the Hospital at Greenville.

October 20th.—Preached in Greenville and confirmed six persons, one of whom was a negro. Four of the candidates were presented by the Rev. Dr. SCOTT, of Christ Church, Pensacola.

October 21st.—I preached in Prattville and confirmed one person.

October 22d.—I preached in St. Matthew's Church, Autaugaville.

October 23d.—I preached in St. Paul's Church, Lowndesboro', and confirmed four persons, two of whom were negroes.

October 25.—21st Sunday after Trinity.—I preached in St. Peter's Church, Lowndes County, and confirmed two persons. I also administered the Holy Communion.

October 28th.—At Mt. Meigs, I joined together in holy matrimony, WILLIAM T. CHARLES and FLORENCE BURCH.

November 1st.—All Saints Day.—I preached in St. Paul's Church, Greensboro', and administered the Holy Communion.

November 4th.—I transferred the Rev. J. B. AVIRETT, Deacon, with letters dimissory, to the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese of Virginia.

November 8th.—23d Sunday after Trinity.—I preached morning and afternoon in St. Stephen's Church, Eutaw, and confirmed two persons.

November 9th.—I preached again in the same Church, and confirmed one person.

November 10th.—I preached in St. Alban's, Gainesville, and administered the Holy Communion.

November 11th.—I preached in St. Mark's Church, Fork of Greene, and confirmed three persons.

November 18th.—I preached in St. James' Church, Livingston, morning and afternoon, and confirmed four persons. Also, baptised the infant-daughter of the Rev. J. C. WADBILL. At night I held a special service, and confirmed one person. The Rev. A. D. MCCOY, late of New Orleans, officiates at St. James', and at other points, as opportunity offers.

November 18th.—24th Sunday after Trinity.—I preached in Trinity Church, Demopolis, and confirmed six persons.

November 20th.—I preached at the Church of the Holy Cross, Uniontown, and consecrated the building to the service of Almighty God. I also confirmed five persons, and celebrated the Holy Communion.

November 21st.—I preached in St. Michael's Church, Marengo County, and confirmed two persons, one of whom was a negro.

November 22.—I preached in St. Andrew's Church, Macon, and confirmed two persons.

November 29th.—1st Sunday in Advent.—I preached in Newbern.

December 6th.—2d Sunday in Advent.—I officiated in St. John's Church, Montgomery, and, after a Sermon by the Rector, I confirmed seventeen persons, two of whom were presented for confirmation by the Rev. Dr. SCOTT, of Christ Church, Pensacola. Two of the candidates were negroes.

Dec. 10th.—I preached on this and the following day, in Clayton, the county-seat of Harbour, and celebrated the Holy Communion. The Rev. T. J. BEARD officiates here once a month. The congregations were large and attentive.

December 13th.—3d Sunday in Advent.—I preached in St. James' Church, Hufaula, confirmed four persons, and administered the Holy Communion. I also confirmed a sick person in private, and administered the Holy Communion to sick persons on two occasions.

December 15th.—I preached in Christ Church, Columbus, Georgia. I had an appointment for the day following at Crawford, but received information at Columbus that the prevalence of an epidemic would render my visit unavailing. Much to my regret, I was compelled to postpone my visit to another time. The Rev. W. N. HAWKS, of Columbus, Ga., officiates in Crawford occasionally, and reports to me that he has baptised there two adults and five infants; and that there are in the place ten Communicants, and six candidates for Confirmation. I hope that we may soon have stated services at this and other points in the eastern section of the Diocese.

Dec. 18th.—I received the Rev. J. H. THURMAN, Deacon, into the Diocese of Alabama, with Letters Dimissory from the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese of North Carolina, and assigned him to duty as Assistant to the Rev. J. A. MANNY, of Trinity Church, Mobile.

Dec. 20th (4th Sunday in Advent).—I preached in St. Paul's Church, Greensboro'.

Dec. 21st.—I baptised, in Ketau, the infant daughter of EDWARD F. and ANN CAMPBELL, of Georgia.

Dec. 22d.—At Gainesville, I joined together in Holy Matrimony, Major THOMAS K. JACKSON and LUCY B. REAVIS.

Dec. 23d.—I preached in St. Alban's Church, Gainesville, and confirmed seven persons.

Dec. 25th, (Christmas Day.)—I preached in St. Paul's, Greensboro', and celebrated the Lord's Supper.

1864.—Jan'y 3d, (2d Sunday after Christmas.)—I participated in the services at St. Paul's, Greensboro', and catechised the children of the congregation.

Jan'y 5th.—I licensed E. G. H. NICHOLSON to act as Lay Reader in the Army.

Jan'y 10th, (1st Sunday after Epiphany.)—I preached in St. Paul's Church, Greensboro'.

Jan'y 17th, (2d Sunday after Epiphany.)—I preached in St. Wilfrid's, Marion, confirmed four persons, and celebrated the Holy Communion.

Jan'y 18th.—I failed to reach an appointment at Harpersville, because of the detention of the Cars.

Jan'y 20th.—I preached in Talladega, and confirmed two persons. I preached in the same place on the following day and confirmed one person. The Rev. J. J. NICHOLSON conducts regular services at this point, in connection with his duties as Chaplain of the Post.

Jan'y 21st.—I preached in St. Luke's, Jacksonville, confirmed one person and celebrated the Holy Communion. In the afternoon, I catechised the children of the Parish. This Church is, I regret to say, still without pastoral care. Mr. NICHOLSON occasionally visits the place, and renders such service as his other engagements permit.

Jan'y 24th, (Septuagesima Sunday.)—I preached in St. Paul's Church, Selma, catechised the children, and confirmed nineteen persons. In the afternoon, I confirmed a sick person in private. At night I preached again in same Church. On the following day I preached again.

Jan'y 31st, (Sexagesima Sunday.)—I preached in St. Paul's Church, Greensboro', and confirmed six persons. In the afternoon, at the same Church, after a sermon by the Rector, I confirmed one negro.

Feb'y 7th, (Quinquagesima Sunday.)—I preached in St. Stephen's Church, Eutaw, confirmed one person, and administered the Lord's Supper. In the afternoon, I preached in the same Church.

Feb'y 14th, (1st Sunday in Lent.)—I preached in St. Paul's Church, Greensboro', and confirmed two persons.

Feb'y 21st, (2d Sunday in Lent.)—I preached in Trinity Church, Demopolis, and confirmed five persons. In the afternoon, I preached in the same Church, and confirmed six persons.

Feb'y 24.—I preached in St. Paul's, Greensboro', and confirmed two persons.

Feb'y 28th, (3d Sunday in Lent.)—I preached in Christ Church, Tuscaloosa, and confirmed two persons. In the afternoon I preached to the Cadets of the University of Alabama. I remained in Tuscaloosa for some days, preaching daily. At the request of the Rector, I baptised four adults; I also confirmed a sick person in private, and 8 persons in addition, during my stay.

March 6th, (4th Sunday in Lent.)—I preached in St. Andrew's Church, Macon. In the afternoon of the same day, I preached in Trinity Church, Demopolis, and confirmed two persons.

March 13th, (5th Sunday in Lent.)—I preached in Trinity Church, Mobile, and confirmed twenty-three persons. In the afternoon of the same day, after a sermon by the Rev. J. W. Roome, I addressed the congregation of the Church of the Good Shepherd, and confirmed three negroes.

March 16th.—Confirmed a sick person in private, belonging to Christ Church, Mobile. In the afternoon, I confirmed a sick person belonging to Trinity Church, Mobile. At night, preached in Christ Church.

March 18th.—I preached in Trinity Church, Mobile, and confirmed eight persons.

March 20th, (Sunday next before Easter.)—I preached in Christ Church, Mobile, and confirmed twelve persons. In the afternoon, I preached in St. John's Church, and confirmed thirty-one persons.

March 21st.—At night, I preached in Trinity Church, Mobile.

March 27th, (Easter Day.)—I preached in St. Paul's Church, Greensboro', confirmed three persons, and celebrated the Holy Communion.

April 2d, (1st Sunday after Easter.)—I preached in "St. John's in the Prairies," celebrated the Holy Communion, and confirmed two persons, one of whom was a negro. One of the candidates was presented for confirmation by the Rev. J. Y. Gholson.

April 8th.—I preached in the Church of the Holy Cross, Uniontown. This was the day recommended to be observed as a day of humiliation, fasting and prayer, by the Civil Authorities of the Confederate States.

April 9th.—I preached at Dayton, Marengo County, confirmed one person, and also baptised two infants. There is at this point no Parish organization and no consecrated house of worship. There is, however, a little band of devoted Church members, who have established a Sunday School, and who purpose at some more propitious time, to erect a Church. The Rev. Messrs. W. A. Strickner and J. Y. Gholson officiate here alternately upon week days, and find much to encourage them. It would be well if the Clergy, generally, availed themselves of every opportunity, during the week, to hold stated services in the destitute places around them.

April 10.—I preached in St. Michael's Church, Marengo County, and confirmed six negroes. Upon every visitation of this Parish, I have had the privilege to confirm some of this large and interesting class of our population. The Rector of St. Michael's has given much attention to this department of his duty, by officiating regularly on Sunday afternoons at the neighboring plantations, and his labors are yielding their promised rewards. The Rev. Mr. McKim, Rector of "St. John's in the Prairies," is similarly engaged, with encouraging success.

On the afternoon of April 10th, I preached in "Faunsdale Chapel," and confirmed twenty negroes. This Chapel constitutes one of the missionary points under the pastoral care of the Rev. Wm. A. Strickner. I could but think, as I beheld this beautiful House of Worship crowded with an attentive congregation, and witnessed their devout and reverential demeanor, and looked upon the throng around the Chancel, how little they comprehended the mission of the Church, who doubted of the adaptation of her ritual to the necessities of this ignorant and much neglected race. This Chapel, with its band of earnest worshippers, is the fruit of much prayer and labor. May the day soon dawn when all the children of Africa shall wor-

ship God in the Prayer of our Blessed Lord; shall rehearse their faith in the Primitive Creeds; and shall be trained to walk in the ways of God's laws and in the works of His commandments. The prevailing religious systems may, and doubtless do, appeal more directly to the emotions of the black; and in this way they gratify his tastes, for the heart craves excitement rather than a knowledge of the truth; but that is the true system for all men, which supplies them with what they need, rather than with what they like. "Let us not be weary in well doing;" we are in the line of duty—a better day may dawn—and, "in due season we shall reap, if we faint not."

April 17, (3d Sunday after Easter.)—I preached at one of the plantations in the Canebrake under the pastoral care of Rev. W. A. SMOKEY.

April 20th.—Received the Rev. A. D. McCoy into the Diocese of Alabama, with Letters Dimissory from the Bishop of Louisiana.

April 22d.—Preached in St. David's Church, Dallas County. This Church is under the pastoral care of the Rev. R. A. COSA, who officiates here once a fortnight.

Received Testimonials from the Standing Committee, recommending FORTNA ELY for Deacon's Orders.

April 24th, (4th Sunday after Easter.)—Preached in St. Luke's Church, Cahaba, morning and afternoon, and confirmed four persons.

April 26th.—Preached in St. Paul's, Carlowville, and confirmed four persons.

April 27th.—Preached at County Line, Dallas County.

April 29th.—Preached in St. Mary's Church, Camden, baptised a child, at the request of the Rector, and confirmed fourteen persons, two of whom were negroes. After service, confirmed a sick person in private.

May 1st, (5th Sunday after Easter.)—Preached in St. John's, Montgomery, confirmed twenty-six persons, and celebrated the Holy Communion. In the afternoon of same day, preached to the congregation under the pastoral care of the Rev. J. J. SCOTT, D. D., and confirmed three persons. This new enterprise was undertaken, at my instance, by the Rev. Dr. SCOTT; a building has been purchased and fitted up for worship; and Divine Service is regularly celebrated. We wish Godspeed to the undertaking, and would fain see similar efforts made in all our cities. I understand that Articles of Association have been signed, and that application will be made to the present Council for admission into the Diocese, under the style of "The Church of the Holy Comforter."

May 2d.—In St. John's Church, Montgomery, I baptised a child.

May 8d.—I preached at Greenville in the morning, and confirmed nine persons. At night, I preached again, and confirmed one person. The Church at this place is under the pastoral care of the Rev. Mr. JARRATT, whose labors, under many adverse circumstances, give promise, at last, of being crowned with encouraging success. I trust that, at no distant day, a parish will be regularly organized in Greenville, and that the Church edifice now occupied will be soon completed and consecrated.

May 4.—I visited the Orphan's Home, in Montgomery. This institution is under the pastoral care of the Rector of St. John's Church. I hope that similar institutions will soon be established at many points throughout the Diocese; and that the present Council will take into consideration the whole subject of the relation of the Church to the Orphans in our land.

The following is a summary of my official acts during the year past, viz: Confirmations, white 293, black 39; (confirmed by Bishop Gann at Demopolis, 5;) Total, 332. Marriages, 2. Baptisms, adults, 5; infants, 5; total, 10. Churches consecrated, 1. Candidates for Holy Orders received, 1. Lay Readers licensed, 2.

The Clerical changes have been as follows:

The Rev. J. B. AVIRETT, Deacon has been transferred to the Diocese of Virginia.

The Rev. JOHN W. BECKWITH has been received into the Diocese of Alabama from the Diocese of Mississippi.

The Rev. EDWARD MCCLURE has been received into this Diocese from the Diocese of Mississippi.

The Rev. JOHN H. TILLYGHAFF, Deacon, has been received from the Diocese of North Carolina.

The Rev. A. D. MCCOY has been received from the Diocese of Louisiana.

The Rev. C. S. HEDGEM, D. D., of the Diocese of Louisiana, is officiating, with my consent, at Opelika, Auburn, Tallahassee and Cross Keys.

The Rev. J. J. SCOTT, D. D., of the Diocese of Florida, is engaged, at my instance, in building up a new congregation in Montgomery.

The Rev. WM. BRYER is officiating as a Chaplain of the Army in Mobile.

The Rev. G. F. CUSHMAN, D. D., has resumed his former connection with St. Luke's Church, Cahaba, and is also officiating regularly at County Line, Dallas County.

The Rev. J. C. WADDILL has moved to Livingston, and has taken charge of a flourishing School in that place.

The Rev. S. U. SMITH is officiating, by my request, at St. Stephen's Church, Eutaw, in connection with his labors as Rector of St. Mark's, Fork of Greene.

The Candidates for Holy Orders in this Diocese, are as follows: C. A. BRADFORD, C. ASHER CLARKSON, F. E. DUGGER, R. C. STOCKTON, E. G. H. NICHOLSON, WM. M. PETERS, and FOSTER ELY. The candidatuship of S. W. ROBERTS has ceased.

The foregoing record of my labors for the last year shows a larger number of confirmations than has ever been reported to a Council of the Diocese of Alabama. This is due, in some part, to the presence, in our midst, of many exiles from the invaded States. Alabama has been, in a great measure, happily exempted from hostile occupation. In many instances her Churches have felt the fostering care of the Clergy exiled from other Dioceses. How earnestly should we endeavor to show our thankfulness to Almighty God, by sharing the blessings still vouchsafed to us with those who are seeking shelter and sympathy at our doors; remembering that the days of calamity are the providential occasions for the cultivation and manifestation of the "most excellent gift of charity."

In this connection, I would call the attention of the Council to the consideration of the duty of the Church to the Army. The religious condition of our soldiers is a matter of deep interest to the Church, and particularly at this time. The record of confirmations will show an unusual proportion of young men confirmed, and, for the most part, while at home on furlough. It would thus appear that they who are called upon to endure the greatest privations, and who are discharging their earthly duty most thoroughly, are also receiving the most striking manifestations of the Divine favor. So true is it, that fidelity in earthly relations will be most surely rewarded by the bestowal of the true riches.

It has been a source of deep regret to me that the Diocese of Alabama has been in a situation to effect so little in the way of ministering directly to the religious necessities of the soldiers in the field. We have no supernumerary Clergy in the Diocese, and it is reasonable to presume that the Clergy who are likely to do good in the Army are they who are most efficient at home. It requires peculiar aptitude on the part of the Clergy, to labor successfully among young men, and the few who are best fitted for such a work could not be spared, without serious detriment to the interests of the Church at home. It has been very earnestly urged, upon the part of some persons, that the religious interests of our young men in the Army were of paramount concern, and that it were better to close our Churches during the war than they should be without religious instruction. I am not prepared to accept this conclusion. I have never felt myself at liberty, except in one instance, to advise a Clergyman, who was fully and successfully engaged in parochial work, to abandon his position for one in the Army. We must have regard not only to the immediate wants of individuals, but also to the future and permanent interests of society, in connection with the maintenance of Church worship.

It has been, again, suggested that, with the view of providing for all concerned, the Clergy should occasionally close their Churches, and visit the Army in rotation. This might be done in individual instances with good effect; but I should doubt its practicability or utility as a general rule.

I have dwelt upon this whole subject with much solicitude, and am unable to suggest any practical solution of the difficulty. The great want, at last, is a sufficient number of suitable men in the ministry. In the meantime, I have been endeavoring to increase the supply of Tracts, Prayer Books, and other devotional works, by contributing to that object from the mission funds under my control. The report of our Treasurer of Diocesan Missions, which I called for in Mobile, showed a considerable amount on hand. I immediately determined, after consultation with some of the Clergy and Laity, to devote all of the fund, above that which was necessary to meet outstanding appropriations, to the supply of the Army with suitable books and tracts, and to establish depositories for that purpose at convenient points within the Diocese. I also appointed an Agent to visit our large cities, with the view of ascertaining what books could be obtained, and at what cost tracts could be published, if it were found practicable to extend our efforts in that direction.

To carry out this work upon a scale commensurate with its importance, and with the needs of the Army and people, would require a much larger fund than that which is placed at my disposal. I am satisfied, however, that the members of the Church will respond liberally to any call which we may make upon them.

I would report, in this connection, that I have collected at my visitations, besides the amount sent to the Treasurer of the missionary fund by the Rectors of the city Churches, \$6,216 35. The larger part of this sum has been distributed to the Clergy in feeble parishes, as I found that they had need; a part has been expended in the publication of books for the Army, and a part, say \$1000 (of the old issue) still remains on hand. The Treasurer's report will show that he has in his hands the sum of \$3,986 77 (of the old issue.) It is very gratifying to me to be able to report the missionary fund in such a promising condition. It is true that the money is great-

ly depreciated in value, but it may be made available for the purpose above indicated.

I particularly recommend to the Council the appointment of a special committee, at an early day during its session, with the view of bringing this whole subject before us for deliberation and united effort.

I briefly refer to a subject which I brought to the notice of the Council two years ago, in regard to which there has been, and continues to be, some difference of opinion. I refer to the advice which I gave as to the course proper to be pursued by the Clergy, in the event of portions of the country being temporarily occupied by the forces of the enemy. I then recommended that we should close our churches, rather than consent to worship according to military dictation. In reply to many inquiries which have reached me on this point, I take this opportunity to say, that I have seen no reason to modify the opinion then given, but, on the contrary, that time and experience have only tended to confirm my first impressions.

I have long entertained the opinion, and on suitable occasions have expressed it, that the regular and ordinary forms of public worship should be so entirely catholic in character, as to be adapted to all the exigencies of time, place and circumstance. It seems to me most undesirable and unnecessary, to say the least, that the Book of Common Prayer should undergo a revision and re-print upon the occurrence of every political revolution. The phraseology of the prayer for our Rulers, now in use, has given needless occasion of offence, even in times of high party excitement. The preface to the Book of Common Prayer declares, that, "in the prayers for our civil rulers, the principal care was, to make them conformable to what ought to be the proper end of all such prayers, namely, that Rulers may have grace, wisdom and understanding, to execute justice and to maintain truth, and that the people may lead quiet and peaceable lives in all Godliness and honesty"—a phraseology, in my judgment, at once ample, minute and catholic. If such a form of prayer were introduced into the service, it would always be appropriate, and we should be spared the necessity of changing our worship with every change in the political world around us. Should this Council entertain the same opinions with myself, it would be competent for us to instruct our delegates to the next General Council to propose and vote for such a change as I have proposed.

But, this is aside from my present purpose.—The General Council in the Confederate States has not concurred in the views here expressed, but has ordained the form now in use. The decision of that Council is the supreme law of this Church. To depart from the prescribed mode, at the behest of any civil or military power, is to acknowledge in the Church an authority superior to that of the Church itself. For this reason, and others mentioned in a former address, I cannot advise that the Clergy should ever make the unworthy concession.

The argument which is commonly urged, on the other part, namely, "that it is sad to see the people without the enjoyment of the public means of grace, for the sake of a trifling omission required," comes to my mind with no weight. For, in the first place, no omission can be deemed trifling, which carries with it the concession of a principle. The principle may involve a matter of secondary moment, but to surrender a principle can never be a matter of secondary importance.

And, besides, the argument is based upon a conception of the Supreme Being,

which I cannot but regard as derogatory to his name and character. If the argument urged has any force, it must derive it from the consideration, that man cannot obtain the needful grace and help from on high, without the intervention of public worship in the sanctuary. Ordinarily this is true; for, if we have access to the appointed means of grace, and fail to use them, we are liable to a forfeiture of the benefits to be reaped thereby. But, if we are providentially cut off from the ordinary means of grace, we are instructed that the compensations of the Divine Economy will supply all our needs. For example; we may be kept from the sanctuary by bodily indisposition, or, as in the present supposed case, by conscientious scruples;—the house of worship being under the control of an enemy who makes a sacrifice of principle the condition of our being permitted to occupy it. The latter obstruction seems to be more insurmountable than the former; for we might, perchance, overcome the former, by being carried upon couches within the precincts of the sanctuary; but we could not remove the latter without sacrificing a principle. In both cases, as I conceive of the Almighty, “He would have mercy and not sacrifice”—if not of bodily comfort, surely not of principle.

The disposition in a true man to assert the right, and to suffer all things rather than to compromise with wrong, is a reflection of the divine image in man; is of the essence of the religious principle, and, when done from religious motives, is of itself an act of worship and of allegiance to the Divine Majesty. Far better would it be for us, *to worship God with an uncorrupted fidelity* in private, if need be, in dens and caves of the earth, than to consent to assemble under duress, and at the dictation of a power which addresses itself alike to the subjugation of our souls and bodies, and assumes to take authority in the Church of God. Thus worshipped the primitive christians under heathen persecutions, and Anglican churchmen under puritanical domination.—During the last two years we have had abundant evidence, I think, to show that my counsel was not ill-timed. Much of our territory has been occupied by the enemy, and the question has been brought to a practical test. The Clergy of this Church have been peculiarly tried, because of the political and local character of the prayers to which I have before referred. In a great majority of instances, perhaps in every instance, they have attempted to continue the celebration of public service, by the omission of the prayer for those in authority. So far as my information extends, the concession on the part of the officiating minister, has been uniformly attended by one or other of the following results: Either violent and scandalous scenes have been enacted in the sanctuary, and ministers dragged from the altar and congregations dispersed at the point of the bayonet, as in Alexandria and New Orleans;—or, an officer has appeared in the Church to read the omitted petition, as in Arkansas;—or, as in other places, the omission has been followed by the subsequent use of the obnoxious petition, and “long life, health and prosperity,” have been invoked upon those, who employ all these gifts of Providence for our utter destruction. A fearful mockery this is indeed; but when we once yield to usurpation, and sacrifice right to force, who shall assign limits to the gradual deterioration that must follow from the first wrong doing? God does not require this at our hands, and we may be well assured that “He is not mocked,” in the midst of all this mockery.

I said, at the outset of this address, that the existing condition of our country far-

nishes a noble opportunity for the display of great virtues. It is also true that occasion is given for great temptations. I pass by the more obvious and notorious forms of temptation, which witnessed on all hands, force themselves upon our observation; only remarking that a day of trial is wont to bring rapidly to maturity the ruling passions of men, of whatsoever sort they may be. He that is unjust will be likely to be still more unjust, as the bonds which restrain men are to some extent relaxed; he that is making haste to be rich, will be apt to make more haste, as the time seems short, and unusual stimulus is applied; and he that is righteous and liberal will become more so, as suffering and want abound. Men live fast in times of revolution, and they come rapidly to a head, each bearing seed after his kind. War is a great teacher also. Peoples and individuals need to be taught by grievous temptations what is in their hearts; to be proved and humbled, and then, if it may be, to be finally exalted. The Almighty is now teaching us by his rod what we failed to gather from his word. The whole moral of the lesson taught may be summed up in few words, "Cease ye from man, whose breath is in his nostrils." Would that we could add, in view of the marvellous light which experience has thrown upon His word, "Thy testimonies, O God, are wonderful; therefore doth my soul keep them."

But, not to enlarge upon this inexhaustible theme, I feel it to be my duty to call the attention of this Council to one special form of temptation, which may at any time present itself, and which, I am sorry to add, has proved too powerful for the faith and virtue of some of our people. I refer to the temptation to take false oaths, under the pressure of fear, or of greediness of gain.

It is not for me, in this presence, and acting in my official capacity, to touch upon any question of a purely political nature. It is not for me to say, to which of two warring governments a man should give his adhesion; nor to indicate, under what circumstances he may properly transfer his allegiance. There are other places and times for the adjustment of all questions of this character. It is, however, incumbent upon me to admonish the Clergy and Laity upon a great question of morals, and to urge them to take heed unto themselves, lest, through an unworthy timidity or an unholy greediness of gain, they make shipwreck of faith and a good conscience, and do dishonor to the name of the great God.

There has been no development made by this war which has excited in my mind such deep concern as the fact, that so many could be found recreant to truth in the hour of trial. We have long deplored the prevailing and increasing love of gain; we have been instructed by the divine word, that it was "the root of all evil; which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith and pierced themselves through with many sorrows;" but little did we think that so many could have been found so faithless to the most sacred obligations of truth, as to declare, that they did "willingly," what they did reluctantly; that they acted "without reservation," when the reservation was entire; and that they could then call upon God to attest the truth of a declaration which they knew to be utterly a lie. I refer to these painful and humiliating facts, not to cast reproach upon those, many of whom, in view of all the circumstances of the case, claim our compassion, but rather by way of premonition to ourselves. Their position was a novel one; they had received no warning of the snare that was set for them; they were surprised and

yielded, by little and little, under a pressure wholly unforeseen and unprovided for. We are called upon, in view of all these considerations, and under the consciousness of a common frailty, to exercise the largest charity towards their fault; but we should bear in mind that these extenuating circumstances do not in the least affect the moral question involved, and that they may not be pleaded in abatement, should we now be tempted to commit, or justify the act.

There are many in our very midst, I am sorry to say, who are found to justify the taking of such oaths; who do not hesitate so say, that, in order to save life they would not hesitate to take the prescribed oath; and all experience teaches that they who will swear falsely, to save life, will not pause long to save property and position by similar means.

It is our bounden duty, as teachers of righteousness, to enter our solemn protest against all such faithlessness, in the spirit of that heavenly charity, which not only covers with the mantle of pity the weak and the erring, but, also, "rejoiceth not in iniquity," (Falsehood, the original imports,) "but rejoiceth in the truth." It matters not that these oaths are unlawfully enforced; that it is an unheard of abomination to force disloyalty upon citizens, while their government still maintains itself, thus crushing them between the upper and nether millstone; it matters not that these oaths are not binding upon the conscience, for the reason that man cannot be held obliged to consummate a crime. All these considerations are irrelevant to the main issue. And there is no language too decided, in which to express our reprobation of a principle, that renders mutual confidence impossible,—that impairs the sanctions of law,—that saps the foundations of morality, and that does formal dishonor to the name and majesty of God, whose supremacy is thus denied and whose law is set at naught.

It would be impossible for me in this brief address to touch, even by enumeration, upon all the evils which would surely follow from the prevalence of such a principle as the justification of a false oath under any circumstances. All the physical evils we have endured, and may have yet to endure, are less than nothing in comparison with the shock given to public morals by the enforcement of false oaths on the one hand, and the acquiescence in them on the other. We may in time recover from the devastations of war; another generation will soon, in the course of nature, take the places of those who have fallen in battle—time will assuage the grief of the mourners, or remove them to that better world where "God wipes away all tears from off all faces;" but how should we replace the sense of honor, the manly dignity, the love of truth, the reverence for God, and the faith in his providence which are all discarded, when a false oath is taken and justified? It would be difficult to show that a people who maintained such principles, were worthy or susceptible of preservation. Their integrity gone, their self-respect would be lost, and, as for their religion, it must dwindle away into hollow cant or drivelling superstition. Such a people would voluntarily claim the portion of Issachar, and, "couching down between their burdens, become servants to tribute; content if the land be good and the rest pleasant." They would invoke upon themselves the curse that fell upon the king of Babylon, and "eat grass like oxen." Believing that life consists only in abundance, they would lose the lineaments of humanity and fill up, in themselves, the measure of the monarch's doom, by having "a man's heart taken

from them and a beast's heart given to them." It may be that thus God is even now punishing some haughty and stubborn hearts, which disowned his allegiance and thus refused a service that would have given them perfect freedom, by bringing them, for a season, into subjection to a degrading and galling yoke. God grant that, "at the end of the appointed time," they may "lift up their eyes unto heaven," as did Nebuchadnezzar, "and praise and extol and honor the King of Heaven, all whose works are truth and his ways judgment; and these that walk in pride he is able to abase."

It is by no means my purpose to treat this subject at length, in all its ethical and religious bearings; but I would fain hope that I have accomplished all that I desired, in calling your attention to its importance. The principles underlying this whole question have been thoroughly discussed in all ages, and by the advocates of all religious systems; but we are compelled to make the humiliating confession, that christian moralists have, in some instances, maintained conclusions, which the more sturdy hearts of some heathen sages have rejected, as unworthy of manhood and faith in Divine Providence. It has been well said that "there is a ten-fold nearer approximation to the teachings of the Bible in Aristotle than there is in Paley—more affinity with the Gospel in Cicero than in the whole tribe of utilitarians."

Upon all these questions which involve the principles of morality, the Clergy should speak with no uncertain sound. We should earnestly consider that this whole people is under discipline; and how shall men learn righteousness and be trained to prize the ways of truth, unless the "lips of the priests keep knowledge?" We are the ambassadors for Christ; we are sent to preach Christ—not human systems of Ethics—not the traditions of the schoolmen—not the policy of the world—but Christ; and, in so far as God's grace may assist us, to reproduce his whole life. How clearly in his person and teachings, as by the light of day, are all the questions solved, which are darkened by the councils of the schoolmen, and entangled in the meshes of a worldly casuistry. The Pharisee could say, "thou shalt not forswear thyself, but shalt perform unto the Lord thine oaths;" "but I say unto you," saith Christ, "Let your communications be Yea, yea; nay, nay; for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil."

This is the teaching of Christ,—now behold his conduct! When he stood before Pilate, and when the Governor, wondering at his indifference to his decision, asked him, "Knewest thou not that I have power to crucify thee, and have power to release thee?" he gave for reply those memorable words which proclaim the absolute Sovereignty of God—words which come to us in every hour of trial and nerve us to suffer all things rather than disown God, by distrusting his love and power—"Thou couldst have no power at all, except it were given thee from above."

Again, when he confronted the adversary in the wilderness, and, in a moment of bodily weakness and want, was tempted to give up his faith in God and to put his hand upon forbidden means for the sustenance of life, he gave for answer these words, which, even now at this distance of time, quicken our faith as we hear them, "It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." "More bread, more substance," says an unbelieving world—"man lives by bread, and if necessity requires bread, he need not scruple as to the means of obtaining it, even should man's word be violated and God's law

be broken; better for man's life to be prolonged than for God's name to be hallowed." This is the way in which the tempter speaks, but Christ speaks not thus. He teaches us what man's life is and wherein it consists—not in abundance—not in present continuance—not by the will of man, but by the will of God, and says, in effect, by word and example, My Father in Heaven knows what I need; I live by his providence; I will resort to no forbidden and unprovidential means for the prolongation of life; and, if the life which is sustained by bread must terminate, I still live, "for man lives not by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." Do not these words instruct us that it is better far for man to rise to a higher life, by resisting temptation and maintaining the truth, than to sink into the abyss of unbelief by giving up a good conscience and distrusting the living God? "For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake shall find it."

But what need to multiply examples? We are sent to teach and preach Christ and him crucified, and Christ crucified, not alone as the sacrifice for sin, but, also, "as an ensample of godly living, the blessed steps of whose most holy life we are to follow," if need be, "to drink of the cup that he drank of, and to be baptized with the baptism that he was baptized with."

We need more of this spirit in the Church, which Christ redeemed with his most precious blood. While the Church stands true to her Divine Head, there is hope for the world. At any time the cup may be presented to our lips. We owe it to ourselves, to our fellows, and, above all, to Him who made us in his image, "to quit us like men, and to be strong," as Christ was strong—"Strong in that strength which God supplies through his Eternal Son." We are the "light of the world;" let us see to it that our lamps are kept trimmed and ready burning. "We are the salt of the earth;" let us take heed that we lose not our savor, and have a care, that no truth perishes from among men through our neglect or want of faith. Ordinary grace will not avail in the day of extraordinary trial. Let us prepare ourselves, by an humble dependence upon Divine grace and a more than ordinary exercise of self-discipline, to suffer all things rather than to deny the truth. The truth alone can make us free. All lies end in captivity and death. All things, by the operation of an universal law, tend to the level of their source—truth and right upward, to their fountain—falsehood and wrong downward, to the pit whence they were digged.

What a day is this in which we are sent to preach the glorious gospel of the blessed God, when the hearts of so many fail them for fear, as they look forward to possible disaster! Oh! with what authority and truth, with what simplicity and plainness, with what tenderness and long-suffering, should we preach to our fellow men, and beseech them to turn from lying vanities, which cannot profit, and to cleave unto the living God!

And now, unto Him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy; to the only Wise God, our Savior, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and forever—Amen.

On motion, *Resolved*, That so much of the Bishop's Address as relates to publishing tracts, &c. for the army, be referred to a committee of three Clergymen and three Laymen.

Whereupon, the President appointed, Rev. Messrs. NICHOLSON, BECKWITH and MENAOS, of the Clergy, and Messrs. T. B. TAYLOR, McCORD and BOND, of the Laity, to constitute said Committee.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Bishop be requested to furnish for publication that portion of his Address on the subject of omitting Prayers for the Rulers, the closing of Churches, and taking of Oaths in obedience to Military Authority.

On motion, *Resolved*, That so much of the Bishop's Address as refers to the subject of the Form of Prayer for Rulers, be referred to a Committee of three Clergymen and three Laymen.

Whereupon, the President appointed Rev. Messrs. CUSHMAN, D. D., R. A. COBBS and RICHARD H. COBBS, of the Clergy, and Messrs. ELLERBE, TAYLOR and H. STICKNEY, of the Laity.

On motion, *Resolved*, That so much of the Bishop's Address as refers to the state of the Church, be referred to the Committee on the State of the Church.

On motion, *Resolved*, That so much of the Bishop's Address as relates to Widows and Orphans of deceased Soldiers, be referred to a Committee of three Clergymen and three Laymen.

Whereupon, the President appointed the Rev. Messrs. MITCHELL, LEE and NEVINS, of the Clergy, and Messrs. WHITAKER, BELL and WALTHALL, of the Laity, to constitute said Committee.

Rev. J. J. SCOTT, D. D., of the Diocese of Florida, and Rev. C. S. HEDGER, D. D., of the Diocese of Louisiana, appeared and took seats in the Council.

W. T. WALTHALL, Lay Deputy, St. John's Church, Mobile, appeared and took his seat in the Council.

The Council then resumed the consideration of the amendment to Section 2, Canon 1.

The Council adjourned until 5 o'clock P. M.

ST. JOHN'S (OLD PARISH) CHURCH, MONTGOMERY, }
Friday, 5 o'clock, P. M. }

The Council met pursuant to adjournment, and resumed the consideration of the motion to indefinitely postpone the amendment to Section 2, Canon 1.

The vote being taken by orders, the motion was lost.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the further consideration of the amend-

ment, to Section 2, Canon 1, be postponed until the meeting of the next Annual Council.

Notice was given, that on to-morrow an amendment would be offered to Section 5, Canon 5, Title 1, viz: to add to the end of the Section the words, "and is a member thereof."

On motion, the Council adjourned until 9 o'clock, A. M., to-morrow.

ST. JOHN'S (OLD PARISH) CHURCH, MONTGOMERY, }
Saturday, May 7th, 1864. }

Council met pursuant to adjournment. The roll was called. The minutes of yesterday, were read and approved.

On motion, the Council proceeded to the consideration of the amendment to Article 5, of the Constitution of the General Council, as suggested by the General Council. Unanimously approved.

The Rev. J. M. MITCHELL, from the Committee appointed at the last Council on the Memorial Church, made the following report:—

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE MEMORIAL CHURCH FUND.

The Trustees of the Fund for building the proposed Memorial Church, respectfully report, that in order to induce prompt action under the Resolutions of the last Diocesan Council, the passage of which made it the duty of each Clergyman in the Diocese to act as an Agent for the said Fund, they, immediately after the adjournment of the Council, caused a subscription paper and blank notes to be sent to each Clergyman in the Diocese, and in response thereto they have received the following amounts, including the sums obtained at the Council, to wit:

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| In Confederate Treasury Notes,..... | \$2,053 00 |
| " Individual Notes, bearing interest,..... | 1,272 00 |
| " Subscriptions,..... | 1,450 00 |

\$4,775 00

The Confederate Treasury Notes have all been converted into U. S. Bonds, bearing 8 per cent. interest.

JOSIAH MORRIS, Treas'r.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the report of the Committee be received, and that the Committee be requested to continue its action under the resolution of the last Council, as they shall find it expedient.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted:

Whereas, this Council have heard with deep regret, that some of its members, Clerical and Lay, within the lines of the enemy, have been hindered from attending its deliberations; Therefore *Resolved*, That this Council, believing in the doctrine that where one member suffers, all others of the members are partakers in suffering, do hereby assure those of our brethren, Clerical and Lay, who are within the lines of the Federal Army, of our heartfelt sympathies with them in their trials and bid them be of good cheer in the name of the Lord, who in his good time will bring to naught the counsels of their and our common enemy.

The Chairman of the Committee, relating to the publication of Tracts, &c., made the following report:

The Committee to whom was referred so much of the Bishop's Address as related to a supply of religious literature for the use of the Army, have had the subject under consideration, and beg leave to report that, deeming it one of vast importance, they have no hesitancy in expressing the opinion that the Church should promptly and energetically take steps to supply, as far as possible, to the brave men of the Army, far removed from home and its endearing associations and blessed privileges, and often cut off from the holy influences of the worship and instruction of the Sanctuary, such wholesome reading matter as may tend, with the divine blessing, to promote their best interests for time and eternity.

There is everywhere in the Army a great demand for the Bible, Prayer Book, and instructive tracts on religious doctrine and practice. The Committee, therefore, urgently recommend to the Council, the adoption of a plan whereby this demand may be the most speedily and practically met, by the publication or procurement of a cheap edition of the Prayer Book, or at least of those portions of it which embrace the Morning and Evening Prayer, the Litany, the order of celebrating the Sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper, and some of the Psalms and Hymns, together with such other useful tracts as may tend to spiritual edification; and above all, if possible, the Holy Word of God.

The Committee are of opinion that Bibles may be obtained from England, through the blockade, by the application of a little energy and good management. At all events the work is worthy of an effort in that direction. Let the Church be aroused to her duty and do what she can to supply this inestimable gift of God to man—the Holy Bible. And as the Bishop is, under Christ, the earthly head of the Church, so do we believe that, in general, all such religious actions as spring from her in her organic capacity, for the spreading abroad of the knowledge of Christ and the glory of God, should either emanate from him, or be moulded in large measure by him; therefore the Committee would propose that the Bishop take this matter in hand and work it out according to his wisdom and discretion, calling to his aid such Clergymen and Laymen as he may deem best; and as many of either order as he may elect, for the prosecution of his wishes, to act as Agents in the procurement of funds, the purchase, or preparation and publication of religious reading matter and the distribution thereof in the Army.

Such a course would leave the whole question untrammelled; and the Bishop, at his own discretion, could from time to time, send out some one, or more, of the Clergy to the Army, to act as distributors of the literature so provided, who might at the same time also do a good and noble work among their fellow-men in the Army, by personal intercourse and the preaching of the unsearchable riches of Christ.

Finally, the Committee respectfully recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

1st. Resolved, That this Council take a deep interest in the spiritual welfare of our noble Armies in the field; pledge itself to adopt immediate measures to provide, as far as lies in its power, a supply of wholesome christian reading matter for distribution among our soldiers.

2nd. Resolved, That the Rt. Rev. R. H. WILKER, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese of Alabama, be respectfully requested to take the controul and management of the important enterprise of supplying the Army with religious literature, calling to his aid as many Clergymen and Laymen as he may elect, to assist him in the collection of funds, preparation and publication of reading matter, and the distribution thereof.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOS. J. NICHOLSON, Chairman.

On motion, the report was received and accompanying resolutions unanimously adopted.

The President retired, calling the Rev. R. A. COBBS, to the Chair.

The Committee on Finance made the following report:

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The Committee on Finance have examined the accounts of the Treasurer of the Council and find them correct. They also recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the following assessments be made upon the Parishes for the support of the Episcopate of the Diocese, and 10 per cent. upon the assessments, excepting St. John's in the Wilderness, for Contingent Fund.

| | Bishop's Salary. | Contingent Fund. |
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| Christ Church, Mobile,..... | \$700 00 | \$70 00 |
| Christ Church, Tuscaloosa,..... | 275 00 | 27 50 |
| St. John's Church, Montgomery,..... | 600 00 | 60 00 |
| St. Paul's Church, Greensboro',..... | 300 00 | 30 00 |
| Church of the Holy Cross, Uniontown,..... | 125 00 | 12 50 |
| St. Andrew's Church, Macon,..... | 100 00 | 10 00 |
| St. Paul's Church, Selma,..... | 200 00 | 20 00 |
| St. James' Church, Livingston,..... | 40 00 | 4 00 |
| Church of the Nativity, Huntsville,..... | 210 00 | 21 00 |
| St. Paul's Church, Carlowville,..... | 50 00 | 5 00 |
| St. Peter's Church, Lowndes County,..... | 40 00 | 4 00 |
| St. John's Church, Tuscumbia,..... | 25 00 | 2 50 |
| St. Luke's Church, Cahaba,..... | 75 00 | 7 50 |
| St. David's Church, Dallas County,..... | 100 00 | 10 00 |
| Trinity Church, Demopolis,..... | 125 00 | 12 50 |
| St. John's in the Wilderness,..... | 24 00 | |
| St. James' Church, Eufaula,..... | 50 00 | 5 00 |
| St. Stephen's Church, Eutaw,..... | 50 00 | 5 00 |
| Trinity Church, Mobile,..... | 250 00 | 25 00 |
| St. Mark's Church, Greene County,..... | 40 00 | 4 00 |
| St. Wilfrid's Church, Marion,..... | 60 00 | 6 00 |
| St. Luke's Church, Jacksonville,..... | 25 00 | 2 50 |
| St. John's Church, Elyton,..... | 10 00 | 1 00 |
| St. Michael's Church, Marengo County,..... | 150 00 | 15 00 |
| Trinity Church, Florence,..... | 50 00 | 5 00 |
| St. John's Church, Mobile,..... | 200 00 | 20 00 |
| St. Mary's Church, Camden,..... | 40 00 | 4 00 |
| Grace Church, St. Stephens,..... | 15 00 | 1 50 |
| St. Paul's Church, Lowndesboro',..... | 20 00 | 2 00 |
| St. Mary's Church, Mobile,..... | 25 00 | 2 50 |
| St. Alban's Church, Gainesville,..... | 30 00 | 3 00 |
| St. John's Church, Madison County,..... | 8 00 | 80 |
| Calvary Church, Choctaw County,..... | 10 00 | 1 00 |
| St. James' Church, Claiborne,..... | 10 00 | 1 00 |
| St. Paul's Church, Mobile,..... | 25 00 | 2 50 |
| St. Matthew's Church, Autaugaville,..... | 10 00 | 1 00 |
| St. John's in the Prairies, Greene County,..... | 50 00 | 5 00 |
| Church of the Holy Comforter, Montgomery... | 25 00 | 2 50 |
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| | \$4,142 00 | \$411 80 |

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Council pay Mrs. L. L. Coates her annual stipend, \$500.

Resolved, That the Lay Deputies be requested to pay over, immediately, to the Treasurer of the Diocese, the assessment for Contingent Fund.

A. W. ELLERBE, Chairman.

BISHOP'S FUND in account with HENRY A. TAYLOR, Treasurer.

| 1863. | Dr. | Cr. |
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| May 1.—By Balance,..... | | \$ 132 70 |
| " 5.—By amount received at Convention (see abstract)... | | 3,445 72 |
| " 5.—To cash paid Rt. Rev. R. H. Wilmer, D. D.,..... | \$1,200 00 | |
| To cash paid Mrs. L. Cobbs, | 500 00 | |
| To cash paid A. W. Ellerbe,..... | 1,686 72 | |
| To Balance,..... | | 8 32 |
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| | \$3,686 72 | \$3,686 72 |
| 1864.—May 1.—To Balance,..... | \$8 32 | |

CONTINGENT FUND in account with HENRY A. TAYLOR, Treasurer.

| 1863. | Dr. | Cr. |
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| May 1.—By Balance,..... | | \$ 36 71 |
| " " By amount received at Convention,..... | | 289 20 |
| June 29.—To cash paid for printing Journals of the Council, for 1862 and 1863, | \$402 40 | |
| 1864.—May 1.—To Balance,..... | | \$126 49 |
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| | \$402 40 | \$402 40 |
| 1864.—May 1.—To Balance, | \$126 49 | |

On motion, the report was received and accompanying resolutions were adopted.

The Committee on the Form of Prayer made the following report:

The Committee to whom was referred so much of the Bishop's Address as related to the forms of prayer for those in authority, have had the same under consideration, and respectfully report the following resolution:

Resolved, That while in the judgment of this Council it may be most desirable so to catholicize the prayers for our rulers and legislators, as to adapt them to the exigencies of all times and occasions, yet they do not think it expedient at the present Council to instruct the Deputies to the General Council upon the subject.

GEO. F. CUSHMAN, Chairman.

Report received and accompanying resolution adopted.

Rev. GEO. F. STICKNEY, of the Diocese of Louisiana, appeared and took a seat in the Council.

L. M. WHERSTONE, Deputy, from St. Matthew's Church, Autaugaville, appeared and took his seat in the Council.

The Committee on Widows and Orphans of deceased Soldiers, made the following report:

The Committee to whom was referred that portion of the Bishop's Address relating to the establishment of Asylums for children made orphans by the calamities of the present war, beg leave to report as follows:

Recognising it as the duty of the Church to provide, not only for the orphans of her own fold, but, so far as practicable, to extend her influence by the application of the beneficent principles of the Divine Law of Love to all mankind, we cordially agree with the suggestions of our Right Reverend Father, and recommend for the consideration of the Council, the following resolutions:

Resolved, That it is the duty of each Parish, in co-operation with the Bishop, to take immediate steps for the establishment of Christian Houses for orphans within its own limits, or within the circle of its influence.

Resolved, That the details of the plan on which these institutions shall be organized, be left to the discretion of the Bishop, with the advice and assistance of the Rectors and Vestries of the various Parishes.

JNO. M. MITCHELL, Chairman.

On motion, the report was received and accompanying resolutions were adopted.

On motion, the Council proceeded to the election of the Ecclesiastical Court.

On motion, the Council decided to vote *viva voce*.

Rev. Messrs. HANSON, MITCHELL, CUSHMAN, TICKNOR, LEE, BANISTER, R. A. COBBS, BECKWITH, J. F. SMITH, MCCLURE and STICKNEY, were nominated and elected members of said Ecclesiastical Court.

JOHN A. LODGE was nominated and elected Treasurer, for the ensuing year.

T. B. TAYLOR was nominated and elected Trustee of Hamner Hall.

A. W. ELLERBE, S. G. JONES and A. R. BELL, were nominated and unanimously elected Trustees of the Bishop's Fund.

T. W. MCCOY was nominated and re-elected Treasurer of the Diocesan Missionary Society for the ensuing year.

W. G. JONES was nominated and elected Trustee of the University of the South, in the place of LEROY H. ANDERSON, deceased.

The Council proceeded to the consideration of the amendment to Section 5, Canon 5, Title 1.

On motion, the amendment was laid on the table, with a view to future action.

The Trustees of the Bishop's Fund made the following report :

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE BISHOP'S FUND.

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| Amount of Permanent Fund, May 1st 1868,..... | \$4,459 58 |
| By interest, &c..... | 5,178 19 |
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| | \$9,632 72 |

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| Special Fund, at the date of last report, was..... | \$23,561 80 |
| By contribution from St. Mark's Church, Greene County,..... | 125 00 |
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| | \$23,686 80 |

A portion of the above amount consists of promissory notes of contributors, and of persons to whom money had been loaned. Owing to the difficulty of making investments, the Trustees have made no effort to collect these notes, nor do they deem their collection advisable in the present condition of the country.

The sum of \$8,000 is invested in Confederate 8 per cent. Bonds.

A. R. BELL, Treasurer. •

The report was received. " .

Resolved, That the Secretary be instructed to have Two Hundred copies of the Journal of this Council printed.

On motion, *Resolved*, That a Committee of two Clergymen and two Laymen, be appointed to prepare resolutions expressive of the sentiments of this Council, at the decease of the late Dr. LEROY H. ANDERSON, for many years a Lay Delegate to the Conventions of this Church.

Rev. Messrs. TICKNOR and DOBB, of the Clergy and A. W. ELLMAN, of the Laity, were appointed said Committee.

On motion, *Resolved*, That when this Council adjourns, it adjourns to meet in Christ Church, Mobile, on the 1st Wednesday in May, 1866.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the thanks of this Convention be tendered to the citizens of Montgomery, for their hospitality.

The President retired, calling the Rev. R. A. COONS to the Chair.

On motion, *Resolved*, That in consideration of the advanced prices of living, the Parishes be invited to make voluntary contributions to the support of the Bishop, and forward the same to him when practicable, in such manner as they shall deem most expedient.

The Bishop resumed the Chair.

The Chairman of the Committee on the State of the Church made the following report:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCH:

The Committee on the State of the Church, in presenting their report, would respectfully state to the Council, that on reviewing that part of the Bishop's Address in relation to his official acts, and the facts laid before them in the Parochial Reports, they find more than ordinary cause for gratitude to Almighty God, in view of the encouraging condition of the Church.

Desirous of confining themselves strictly to the work before them, the Committee would respectfully submit to the Council the following abstract of statistics, which have been carefully collated from the Parochial Reports and the Bishop's Address.

Within the Parishes from which reports have been received, they find there have been, during the past year,

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| Baptisms, | 627 |
| Confirmations, | 837 |
| Present number of Communicants, | 2220 |
| Collections—Communion Alma, | \$8,289 60 |
| " Missions, | 8,879 00 |
| " Church purposes, | 17,254 60—\$23,903 20 |

The Committee would here state that they are not able to present an accurate view of the state of the Church, from the fact that there is quite a number of Parishes from which no report has been received. But in these statistics it will be perceived that there are several features of a most gratifying nature.

Notwithstanding the distracted state of our country, arising from the presence of

an invading foe, and the engrossment of the public mind with the troubles by which we are surrounded; in every particular, the progress of the Church in the Diocese, instead of being retarded, has been *onward*, and that to an unprecedented degree; calling for the most devout gratitude to the Great Head of the Church, and stimulating us to renewed exertion.

In nearly every Parish, Adult Baptisms are reported, making a large increase on any former year.

The number of Confirmations reported by the Bishop is greater by nearly one-fourth than any previous year, including an unusual number of *men*, many of them occupying positions in society which must have the tendency of dispelling prejudice against, and awakening attention to, the claims of the Church.

One of the most cheering and satisfactory views of the healthy condition of the Church, is in the large increase of contributions to Missions and charitable purposes. While there has been a constant demand on the liberality of the people for patriotic and benevolent objects, the offerings which have been laid on the Altar of the Church have been nearly double.

The Committee would take this opportunity of expressing their sincere and earnest sympathy with those Parishes situated in that portion of the Diocese which is under the iron heel of the oppressor; while it is their fervent prayer that the day may speedily dawn when we shall all be permitted to worship God under our own vine and fig tree, none daring to make us afraid.

All which is respectfully submitted.

HENRY SANBOM,
Chairman of the Committee.

On motion, the report was received.

The minutes of this day were read and approved, and after singing the Gloria in Excelsis, and Prayer and Benediction by the Bishop, the Council adjourned *sine die*.

R. H. WILMER, President.

H. A. TAYLOR, Secretary.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

CHRIST CHURCH, MOBILE.—Rev. HENRY SANSON, D. D., Rector.

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| Baptisms—White, adults, 2; infants, 20; colored, infants, 2,..... | Total, 24 |
| Confirmations—White, | 13 |
| Marriages—White, 9; colored, 1,..... | Total, 10 |
| Funerals—White, 16; colored, 1,..... | Total, 17 |
| Communicants—White, at last report, 260; added, 27; died 4; removed, 13; | |
| | Present No., 270 |
| Sunday School—Teachers, 26; Scholars, white, 123; colored, 10,..... | Total, 139 |
| Library Books, | 400 |
| Communion Administered, (twice in private)..... | 14 |
| Communion Offerings..... | \$2,116 20 |
| Collections—Diocesan Missions..... | 2,002 50 |
| Society for Widows, &c., of deceased Clergymen,..... | 612 66 |
| Missions in Arkansas,..... | 457 00 |
| Missions in Texas,..... | 470 00 |
| Religious reading for Soldiers,..... | 258 00 |
| Sunday School purposes,..... | 211 00 |
| Lenten contributions of Sunday School,..... | 210 00 |
| Voluntary contribution to the Rector, in consideration of the times..... | 2,500 00 |

Total amount contributed in the Parish during the year, exclusive of Bishop and Rector's salaries,.....\$8,837 35
 Time spent in the Parish since last report, twelve months.

CHRIST CHURCH, TUSCALOOSA.—Rev. R. D. NAYNE, Rector.

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| Baptisms—White, adults, 5; infants, 10; colored, infants, 11,..... | Total, 26 |
| Confirmations—White, | 12 |
| Marriages—White, | 1 |
| Funerals—White, 11; colored, 1,..... | Total, 12 |
| Communicants—White, at last report, 106; added, 15; died, 2; present No. | 118 |
| Colored, at last report, 6; present No. | 4 |
| Sunday School—Teachers, 8; Scholars, 43,..... | Total, 51 |
| Communion Administered..... | 16 |
| Collections—Offertory, Holy Communion,..... | \$260 00 |
| Diocesan Missions, | 275 00 |
| Church purposes generally,..... | 264 00 |

Time spent in the Parish, in the performance of its regular duties, since last report, twelve months.

During the last year services have been given on alternate Sundays, as far as possible, to the negroes upon a neighboring plantation.

In the death of HENRY A. SNOW, since the last meeting of the Council, this Parish has sustained a loss which cannot easily be supplied. An active worker in the Parish from the first years of its organization, and for more than twenty years a Vestryman and Warden, it had become a habit for both Minister and people to look to him for wisdom in counsel, and prudence in action, in all matters affecting our corporate life. In his death God has tried us with a severe affliction; but as a compensation He has left us the memory of a pure minded, earnest and irreproachable Christian man, and the humble trust that he has exchanged the labors of earth for the blessedness of Paradise.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, GREENSBORO'.—Rev. R. H. Coan, Rector.

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| Baptisms—White, adults, 7; infants, 21; colored, infants, 5,..... | Total, 33 |
| Marriages—White, 2; colored, 3,..... | Total, 5 |
| Funerals—White, 9; colored, 4,..... | Total, 13 |
| Confirmations—White, 16; colored, 1,..... | Total, 17 |
| Communicants—White, at last report, 72; added, 17; died, 1; removed, 5; | |
| | Present No., 82 |
| Communion Offerings—Domestic Missions,..... | \$349 00 |
| Diocesan Missions,..... | 185 00 |
| Benevolent purposes,..... | 422 00 |
| Church purposes,..... | 317 80 |
| Total,..... | \$1,273 80 |

In addition to these, the following amounts were collected during the session of the last Diocesan Council:

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| Communion Offerings—(Widows and Orphans),..... | \$106 00 |
| Missionary Collection,..... | 228 70 |
| Collection at the annual meeting of the Widows' and Orphans' Society,... | 99 00 |
| Total,..... | \$428 70 |

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, MONTGOMERY.—Rev. JOHN M. MITCHELL, Rector.

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| Baptisms—White, adults, 12; infants, 41; colored, infants, 10,..... | Total, 63 |
| Confirmations—White, 46; colored, 2,..... | Total, 48 |
| Marriages—White, 15; colored, 1,..... | Total, 16 |
| Funerals—White, 28; colored, 2,..... | Total, 30 |
| Communicants—White, at last report, 189; added, 52; died, 8; removed, 10; | |
| | Present No., 228 |
| Colored—At last report, 17; present No.,..... | 18 |
| Sunday School—Teachers, for whites, 12; for colored, 5,..... | Total, 17 |
| Scholars—White, 120; colored, 30,..... | Total, 150 |
| Library Books,..... | 800 |
| Communions Administered,..... | 15 |
| Collections—Diocesan Missions,..... | \$500 00 |
| Domestic Missions,..... | 450 00 |
| Orphan Asylum,..... | 2,412 00 |
| Alms,..... | 699 55 |
| For Church purposes generally,..... | 6,525 00 |
| | \$10,586 55 |

Of the Confirmations reported above, two persons belong to Christ Church, Pensacola, and were presented for confirmation by the Rev. Dr. Scorr; and four were non-resident boarding pupils at Hamner Hall.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, CARLOWVILLE.—Rev. F. B. LEE, Rector.

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| Baptisms—White, adult, 1; infants, 2; Colored, infants, 2,..... | Total, 5 |
| Marriages—Colored,..... | 1 |
| Funerals—White,..... | 2 |
| Communicants—At last report, say, 44; since, 4; colored, 14; present No.,..... | 64 |
| Sunday School—Teachers, 5; Scholars, white, 25; black, 10,..... | Total, 40 |
| Communions Administered,..... | 15 |
| Communion Offerings..... | \$61 10 |
| Collection—Diocesan Missions,..... | 32 00 |

Time spent in the Parish, in the performance of its regular duties, since last report, twelve months.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, MACON.—Rev. F. B. MASON, Rector.

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| Baptisms—White, infants..... | 2 |
| Marriages—White, 2; colored, 1..... | Total, 3 |
| Funerals—White, 7; colored, 2..... | Total, 9 |
| Communicants..... | 27 |
| Communion Administered..... | 7 |
| Communion Offerings..... | \$73 25 |
| Collection—For Widows and Orphans..... | 31 75 |

I have spent the last twelve months in the Parish. I officiated once in Newbern, Greene County, and baptized one infant.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, SELMA.—Rev. J. H. THURMON, Rector.

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| Baptisms—White, adults, 8; infants, 15; Colored, adult, 1; infants, 2..... | Total, 27 |
| Confirmations..... | 20 |
| Marriages—White, 4; colored, 1..... | Total, 5 |
| Funerals—White, 29; colored, 2..... | Total, 31 |
| Communicants—Died, 1; added, 20; present No..... | 111 |
| Sunday School—Teachers, 5; scholars, 40..... | Total, 45 |
| Library Books, about..... | 150 |
| Communion Administered..... | 16 |
| Communion Offerings..... | \$724 30 |
| Collections—Diocesan Missions..... | 804 00 |
| Military Aid Society..... | 184 00 |
| Widows and Orphans..... | 112 00 |

\$1,824 30

Time spent in the Parish, in the regular performance of its duties, since last report, twelve months.

Of the funerals reported above, ten were performed in other Parishes.

TRINITY CHURCH, DEMOPOLIS.—Rev. Jas. W. BACKUS, Rector.

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| Baptisms—White, adults, 5; infants, 2; colored, infants, 12..... | Total, 31 |
| Confirmations—White..... | 20 |
| Marriages—White, 3; colored, 4..... | Total, 7 |
| Funerals—White, 10; colored, 2..... | Total, 12 |
| Communicants—At last report, 25; added, 17; died, 2; present No..... | 50 |
| Sunday School—Teachers, 5; Scholars, white, 28..... | Total, 43 |
| Communion Administered..... | 11 |
| Communion Offerings..... | \$346 90 |
| Collections—Diocesan Missions..... | 100 00 |
| Offering on National Fast Day, for Prayer Books, &c. for Soldiers..... | 436 00 |
| Church purposes generally (not including salary)..... | 124 00 |

Canon 1, section 4 (concerning salary) complied with.

Assumed the charge of this Parish June 25th, 1863, since which time the Church has been closed (I think) but once by my absence.

Attendance upon the weekly services have been regular and large. Owing to the number of refugees and soldiers in and about Demopolis, the Church (on Sundays) has been crowded to overflowing. I am thankful to state, that when I took charge of the Parish, I found in the regular congregation not only a growing interest, but a knowledge of the Church, which made this a most desirable field of labor. In the rapid increase in the congregation during my brief ministry, I feel that I have (as God's instrument) reaped of the good works sown by the labors of my predecessors.

It has been my blessed privilege to minister to the spiritual wants of our soldiers,

in the ordinary services of the Church, and in both her Sacraments; to present several for the Holy Rite of Confirmation, to visit them in sickness, and to perform over their bodies the last and most solemn services of the Church, in committing them to the ground.

I wish to make this acknowledgment of my gratitude for the encouragement in my work, which has been so cheerfully given me by the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, LIVINGSTON.—Rev. A. D. McCoy, Rector.

Rev. J. C. WADDILL, Assistant to the Rector.

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| Baptisms—Infants, white, 8; colored, 6; adults, 5,..... | Total, 19 |
| Confirmed,..... | 5 |
| Marriage,..... | 1 |
| Funerals,..... | 7 |
| Communicants—Added, 13; present No..... | 84 |
| Communion Administered, (in private, 4)..... | 14 |
| Communion Offerings,..... | \$167 65 |
| Collections—For St. James' Church School,..... | 258 75 |
| For the School, from persons out of the Parish,..... | 250 00 |

Besides the above, we have received from a Methodist brother, the rent of the school house and lot free for one year. From others, liberal donations in materials and work. We are thankful to report that the grace of God has made the services of the Church effectual in the evident edification of his people, as exhibited in their active efforts to establish a Christian school for boys and girls of all classes of society, the profits of which are to be devoted to feeding, clothing and educating, religiously, morally and intellectually, in agricultural and mechanic arts, the destitute orphans of soldiers.

The present Rector entered upon his duties in the Parish the 27th of July last.

Five of the white infants reported above were baptised by his predecessor, the Rev. S. U. SMITH.

In addition to the duties of the Parish, the Rector has held stated services elsewhere, every fourth Sunday in the month, beginning with the fourth Sunday in November. Gainesville, Mt. Sterling and Pushmataha have been visited in this way.

CALVARY CHURCH, PUSHMATAHA.—Rev. A. D. McCoy, Rector in charge.

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| Baptisms—Infants, white, 1; colored, 3; adults, white, 5; colored, 1; | |
| At Mt. Sterling—White, infant, 1,..... | Total, 11 |
| Candidates for Confirmation known of..... | 7 |
| Communicants—Added, 3; present No..... | 24 |
| Communion Administered,..... | 2 |
| Communion Offerings,..... | \$362 00 |

Every encouragement is offered for active and persevering aid to the zealous members of this Parish, to give the Church a strong hold upon the affections and support of the inhabitants of the place and its vicinity.

ST. WILFRID'S CHURCH, MARION.—Rev. EDWARD MACCLURE, Rector.

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| Baptisms—White, adult, 1; infants, 5; colored, infants, 3,..... | Total, 9 |
| Confirmations—White,..... | 4 |
| Marriages—White, 3; colored, 1,..... | Total, 4 |
| Funerals—White, 14; colored, 6,..... | Total, 20 |
| Communicants—White, at last report, 76; added, 40; died, 1; removed, 26; | |
| | Present, No. 89 |
| Colored—At last report, 11; present No..... | 11 |
| Communion Administered..... | 10 |

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| Communion Offerings,..... | \$127 30 |
| Collections—Diocesan Missions,..... | 65 00 |
| For Church purposes generally,..... | 55 20 |

Time spent in the Parish, in the performance of its regular duties, since last report, twelve months.

Most of the above numbers of additions and removals have consisted of exiles from other Parishes in the different States of the Confederacy.

TRINITY CHURCH, MOBILE.—Rev. J. A. MASON, Rector.

Rev. J. H. TULLINGHAST, Assistant to the Rector.

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| Baptisms—White, adults, 11; infants, 57; colored, infant, 1,..... | Total, 69 |
| Confirmations—White,..... | 32 |
| Marriages—White, 8, colored, 8,..... | Total, 16 |
| Funerals—White, 53; colored, 3,..... | Total, 61 |
| Communicants—White, at last report, 225; added, 32; died, 5; removed, 15; | Present No., 237 |
| Sunday School—Teachers, 9; Scholars, 105,..... | Total, 114 |
| Library Books,..... | 900 |
| Communion Administered, (in private and public),..... | 20 |
| Communion Offerings,..... | \$1021 70 |
| Collections—Diocesan Missions,..... | 680 00 |

Time spent in the Parish, in the performance of its regular duties, since last report, twelve months.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, IN THE PRAIRIES.—Rev. A. MEXSON, Rector.

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| Baptisms—White, adult, 1; infants, 2; Colored, infants, 56,..... | Total, 59 |
| Confirmations—Colored,..... | 1 |
| Marriages—White, 1; colored, 2,..... | Total, 3 |
| Funerals—Colored,..... | 3 |
| Communicants—White, at last report, 11; removed 4; present No..... | 7 |
| Colored—At last report, 8; suspended, 1; added, 1; present No., 3 | |
| Communion Administered,..... | 4 |
| Communion Offerings,..... | \$ 8 00 |
| Collections—Diocesan Missions,..... | 53 00 |
| Widows' and Orphans' Society,..... | 63 00 |

Time spent in the Parish, in the performance of its regular duties, since last report, twelve months.

Besides the regular services in the Church, divine service has been regularly held on four plantations, and occasionally on a fifth. These services consist of the Confession, the Absolution, the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, the Versicles after the Creed, and the three last prayers in the Evening Service, and the Commandments; the singing of three Hymns, and preaching exclusively from the New Testament, and occasionally the Commandments.

A fair number of the servants are interested in the services. I have, however, not felt at liberty to urge them to come into the Church; for they belong to the denominations, and their owners are not inclined to have their religious predilections disturbed.

Since last report, two Church families have moved permanently from the Parish. There are now only three Church families left. The neighborhood is very sparsely settled and the population belongs, fixedly, to the denominations.

ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH, KUTAW.—Rev. STEPHEN U. SMITH, Missionary.

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| Baptisms—Adults, 3; infants, 3,..... | Total, 6 |
| Confirmations,..... | 4 |
| Marriages—White,..... | 1 |

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| Sunday School—Teachers, 6; scholars, 25,..... | Total, 31 |
| Communicants, | 32 |
| Communion Administered, | 8 |
| Communion Offerings, | \$92 95 |
| Collections—Diocesan Missions, | 78 35 |
| Church purposes generally, | 90 00 |
| Services, 1st and 3d Sundays. Time spent in the Mission, twelve months. | |

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, CAHABA.—Rev. GEO. F. CUSHMAN, D. D., Rector.

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| Baptisms—White, infants, | 1 |
| Confirmations—White, | 4 |
| Funerals—White, | 11 |
| Communicants—White, at last report, 31; died, 3; removed, 2; added, 4; | |
| | Present No., 30 |
| Sunday School—Teachers, 6; Scholars, 30,..... | Total, 36 |
| Libray Books, | 325 |
| Communion Administered, | 6 |
| Collections—For the Poor, | \$237 15 |
| Diocesan Missions, | 240 53 |

Time spent in the Parish in the discharge of its regular duties, five months.

The Rector resumed the charge of this Parish, after a vacancy of two months, in July last, to officiate two Sundays in each month; but owing to protracted ill health has been able to do but little except to fill the pulpit somewhat irregularly. To his people he owes a large debt of gratitude for their kindness and forbearance under the circumstances. The Parish has been much indebted to the Rev. J. H. TUCKER for his services upon various funeral occasions.

PORTLAND, DALLAS COUNTY, ALA.—Rev. GEO. F. CUSHMAN, D. D., Minister.

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| Baptisms—White, infants, 2; colored, infants, 5, | Total, 7 |
| Funerals—White, 4; colored, 1, | Total, 5 |
| Communicants—White, at last report, 21; died, 1; removed, 2; added, 1; | |
| | Present No., 19 |
| Sunday School—Teachers, 5; Scholars, 18,..... | Total, 23 |
| Communion Administered, (two in private), | 12 |
| Collections—For the Poor, | \$141 50 |
| For the Episcopal Fund, | 50 00 |
| Diocesan Missions, | 165 00 |

Time spent at Station, seven months.

From the first of July I have spent but half the time at this Station, having for the other half resumed the charge of St. Luke's Church, Cahaba. The same want of health has made the services irregular here as there, and nothing has been done but to attempt to fill the pulpit whenever I was able. The congregation is regular and attentive, and the Church is strengthening her influence. The colored congregation for whom services are held Sunday evenings, is interested in our service, and we believe we shall still see the fruit of the labor bestowed upon them. The prejudice among them against the Church was always strong, and it requires patience and faith, as well as labor and God's grace, to overcome and break it down.

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS, UNIONTOWN.—Rev. R. A. COBBS, Rector.

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| Baptisms—White, infants, 9; Colored, infants, 5, | Total, 14 |
| Confirmations—White, | 5 |
| Marriages—White, 2; colored, 1, | Total, 3 |
| Funerals—White, 8; colored, 1, | Total, 9 |
| Communicants—White, at last report, 33; added, 8; removed, 5; present No.... | 36 |
| Colored—Present No. | 1 |
| Communion Administered—In public, 16; in private, 2, | Total, 18 |

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| Communion Offerings—(Of which \$80 were for special purposes)..... | \$271 00 |
| Collections—Diocesan Missions,..... | 256 00 |
| Domestic Missions,..... | 51 75 |

Time spent in the Parish in the performance of its regular duties, since last report, twelve months.

Nothing worthy of special mention has marked the history of this Parish during the last twelve months, except the consecration of the Church, which, having been hitherto prevented by various causes, took place on the 24th November last.

ST. DAVID'S CHURCH, DALLAS COUNTY.—Rev. R. A. COMB, Rector.

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| Baptisms—White, infants, | 3 |
| Funerals—White | 1 |
| Communicants—White, at last report, 11; present No. | 11 |
| Colored—Present No., about, | 10 |
| Communion Administered—In Church, 8; in private, 1,..... | Total, 4 |
| Collections—Diocesan Missions,..... | \$84 25 |
| Domestic Missions,..... | 56 00 |

As often as the weather and other circumstances would allow, services have been held in this Church, in the afternoons of two Sundays in each month.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, EUFAULA.—Rev. THOS. J. BRAND, Deacon, in charge.

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| Baptisms—White, adults, 6; infants, 5; colored, infants, 10,..... | Total, 21 |
| Confirmations—White,..... | 5 |
| Funerals—White,..... | 4 |
| Communicants—At last report, 24; added, 3; died, 2; present No. | 32 |
| Sunday School—Teachers, 5; Scholars, 30,..... | Total, 25 |
| Library Books, | 200 |
| Communion Administered,..... | 3 |
| Communion Offerings,..... | \$37 00 |
| Collections—Diocesan Missions, | 140 00 |
| Domestic Missions,..... | 61 00 |
| Church purposes generally,..... | 130 00 |
| Bishop's Salary, above the amount assessed,..... | 112 60 |

The above report includes the missionary point at Clayton, about 20 miles distant from Eufaula, where services are held once a month. The congregations are good and manifest an interest in the Church.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, MOBILE.—Rev. H. N. FINCH, D. D., Rector.

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| Baptisms—White, adults, 11; infants, 121; colored, infants, 2,..... | Total, 135 |
| Confirmations—White, | 81 |
| Marriages—White, 25; colored, 2,..... | Total, 27 |
| Funerals—White, 80; colored, 1,..... | Total, 81 |
| Communicants—White, at last report, 168; added, 22; died, 8; ceased to commune, 2; removed, 2; present No. | 178 |
| Sunday School—Teachers, 19; Scholars, 206, | Total, 224 |
| Library Books, | 350 |
| Communion Administered,..... | 21 |
| Communion Offerings,..... | \$1,049 70 |
| Collections—Diocesan Missions,..... | 257 80 |
| For the Poor, | 110 00 |
| For Church purposes generally,..... | 1,578 90 |

Total Contributions,.....\$3,390 70

Exclusive of Rector's support and the assessment for the Bishop's and Convention Funds. To this might be added somewhat more than \$1000 for the Sunday School.

Time spent in the Parish in the performance of its regular duties, since last report, twelve months.

ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH, MARENGO CO.—Rev. JOHN Y. GROISON, Rector.

Baptisms—White, adults, 8; infants, 2; Colored, adult, 6; infants, 30,....Total, 41
 Confirmations—White, 8; colored, 7,.....Total, 15
 Marriages—Colored2
 Funerals—White, 5; colored, 9,.....Total, 14
 Communicants—White, at last report, 27; added, 4; died 2; removed, 2;

Present No., 27

Colored—Added, 7; present No.....16
 Communion Administered,.....12
 Collections—Diocesan Missions,.....\$376 70
 Bishops Cobbs' Memorial Church,.....1,100 00
 Sick and wounded Soldiers, C. S. A. 90 00
 Church purposes generally,..... 100 00

Time spent in the Parish in the performance of its regular duties, since last report, twelve months.

REMARKS.—Services regularly held on a week day, once a month, at Dayton, by the Rector of this Parish. An awakened interest is manifested in the Church at that point. It is hoped and believed that a Church edifice will be erected as soon as practicable. At present the services are held in a large room which has been fitted up, and for a temporary purpose answers quite well. A Sunday School, under the superintendence of Mr. WM. PERRY, (Candidate for Orders,) is now in operation, and in a flourishing condition. As yet, no Parish has been organized. The Communicants number some 12 or 15. At the recent visitation of the Bishop, two children were admitted into the Church by Baptism, and one person received the holy rite of Confirmation.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, LOWNDESBORO'.—Rev. J. F. SMITH, Rector.

Baptisms—White, adults, 1; infants, 1; colored, adults, 1; infants, 1,....Total, 4
 Confirmations—White, 2; colored, 2,.....Total, 4
 Marriages—White, 1; colored, 1,.....Total, 2
 Funerals—White, 5; colored, 1,.....Total, 6
 Communicants—White, added, 8; present No.....27
 Colored—At last report, 10; added, 2; present No.....12

Communion Administered.....5
 Communion Offerings,.....\$38 55
 Collections—Diocesan Missions,.....112 20

Time spent in the Parish in the performance of its regular duties, since last report, twelve months.

PRATTVILLE MISSION.—Rev. J. F. SMITH officiating.

Baptisms—White, infants,1
 Confirmations—White,1
 Communicants—White, at last report, 16; died, 2; removed, 3; present No.....11
 Communion Administered,2
 Collections—Diocesan Missions,\$75 00

Time spent in the Mission since last report, twelve months.

ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH, AUTAUGAVILLE,—Rev. J. F. SMITH, Rector.

Baptisms—White, infants,2
 Funerals—White,2
 Communicants—White, at last report, 10; present No.....10
 Communion Administered,8
 Communion Offerings,\$35 00
 Collections—Diocesan Missions,80 00

Time spent in the Parish in the performance of its regular duties, since last report, twelve months.

GREENVILLE MISSION.—Rev. James S. Jarratt, Missionary.

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| Baptisms—White, adults, 8; infants, 7; Colored, adults, 1; infants, 1,.... | Total, 16 |
| Confirmations—White, 15; colored, 1, | Total, 16 |
| Funerals—Colored,..... | 1 |
| Communicants, | 9 |
| Communion Administered—In public, 4; in private, 1,..... | Total, 5 |
| Communion Offerings,..... | \$75 65 |
| Collections—For Diocesan Missions,..... | 108 16 |

Four of the persons confirmed were presented by Dr. Scott.

SNOWDOWN MISSION

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| Baptisms—Colored, infants,..... | 39 |
| Funerals, | 1 |
| Communicants, | 1 |
| Communion Administered—Public 4, Private 2,..... | Total, 6 |
| Communion Offerings,..... | \$71 50 |
| For Diocesan Missions,..... | 42 00 |
| Marriages—White 1, Colored 2,..... | Total, 3 |

EVERGREEN, CONECUH COUNTY.

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| Baptisms—White, infants, 3; Colored, infants 2,..... | Total, 5 |
| Communion Administered, | 1 |

SPARTA, CONECUH COUNTY.

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| Baptisms—White, adults 1; infants 5,..... | Total, 6 |
| Burials—White,..... | 1 |
| Communicants, | 2 |

THOMAS JARRATT'S PLANTATION.

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| Baptisms—Colored, infants,..... | 5 |
| Confirmations,..... | 1 |
| Communion Administered,..... | 1 |

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| Baptism in Lowndes County,..... | 1 |
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Time spent in performance of ministerial duties, 11 months.

I am indebted to the Rev. Dr. Scott for supplying my place at my regular stations. This has enabled me to do missionary duty elsewhere, some of the results of which are reported above.

J. S. JARRATT.

To the Rt. Rev. R. H. Wilmer, D. D.

I hereby very respectfully report to you an account of my labors in your Diocese since my expulsion from New Orleans in May last. After my arrival in Alabama you very kindly and promptly assigned me to duty at Opelika. To this place I moved my family, and on the 25th of June commenced the work of the ministry.—Here I found a very neat Church edifice, recently finished and consecrated, and a few ardent and zealous Church families. At first I gave my entire time to this place, but afterwards, by your advice, I gave a portion of my time to other points. I have monthly appointments, on Sundays, at Tallapoosa and Cross Keys. I have also regular week day services at Tuskegee and Auburn. I have likewise visited Crawford, Salem and Lafayette, in each of which I found a few devoted Church people.

To Opelika I give two Sundays in each month, and also instruct in the Church on Fridays a large and interesting Bible class of adults. Here a Sunday School is regularly conducted by a few faithful teachers, but it is suffering much for the want

of books. At Opelika I have administered the Holy Communion 9 times, at Tallassee once, and at Cross Keys once. At Opelika, I report 10 communicants; the baptism of 2 children and 1 adult—2 confirmed, and 2 funerals. At Cross Keys I have baptised 1 infant, and there are at that place 6 communicants. At Tallassee I have baptised 1 adult. We have here 9 communicants. At Auburn there has been 1 child baptised and 1 person confirmed. At the latter place there are 4 communicants. At Tuskegee there are 8 communicants.

C. S. HEDGES, of the Diocese of Louisiana.

REPORT OF REV. W. D. CHRISTIAN.

Since the meeting of the last Council I have been employed in officiating on two or more plantations in Perry and Marengo Counties. On Mr. Lee Walthall's plantation I have baptised twenty-seven (27) children and have also some candidates for confirmation awaiting the visitation of the Bishop.

HAMNER HALL, MONTGOMERY, ALA.—Rev. J. AVERY SHEPHERD, Rector.

The Rector would respectfully report that the success of this Institution has been such as to afford great cause for thankfulness. Notwithstanding the unsettled state of the country, the number of applications for admission has greatly exceeded those of any preceding year. Ninety-nine pupils have been received during the present session, while many in the boarding department have been declined on account of the impracticability, at the high cost of all things, of providing for them suitable accommodations. The general improvement of the pupils and the tone of scholarship has been of a most encouraging character. All diligence will be given to render Hamner Hall, through the blessing of Providence, an Institution, unsurpassed by any in the land, for a high standard of moral and intellectual training. Amongst the confirmations in St. John's Church during the present session four young ladies were members of the household at Hamner Hall.

MISSION TO THE NEGROES IN THE CANEBRAKE.

FAUNSDALE, Marengo County, May 4th, 1864.

RT. REV. R. H. WILMER, D. D.

Right Reverend Father—An entire year's labors in the field, to which you assigned me, are covered in the following Report:

Six stations were undertaken, each to be served twice a month, making the aggregate of twelve monthly services; viz: at the plantations of Harris Tinker, (his sister and brother uniting theirs,) R. B. Waller, Frank S. Lyon, the two estates of Isaac Croom, dec'd, and Faunsdale Chapel.

No exertion has been spared to make these services punctual. In the several points 132 have been celebrated.

Only of Faunsdale Chapel may a systematic report be given, to wit:

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|-----------------------------------------|-----------|
| Baptisms—Infants 6, Adults 10,..... | Total, 16 |
| Confirmations,..... | 20 |
| Funerals,.... | 8 |
| Marriages,..... | 2 |
| Communion celebrated,..... | 2 |
| Communicants, | 57 |
| Suspended and put to open penance,..... | 1 |

In this Chapel, the high Festivals and Fasts of the Church, occurring during the week days, are duly kept, as well as all National days. When, as on all Sunday services, also, one rule prevails: none are allowed to be absent. Only a certain portion, as yet, attend the daily morning service in Lent.

To develop a sense of religious individuality and responsibility, god-fathers and mothers for infants are allowed only from among the negroes. The practice is proving fruitful in cheering results.

Experience has evolved the necessity of selecting two or three in the congregation to perform an important subsidiary part to the Minister, of both watching over the communicants, and aiding him to reach others. Thus far its practical working has developed a greater measure of success than was promised by anticipation.

Into its proper culture, this field invites the penitential system of the ancient Church, to its full extent. And with the relations existing, nothing is easier to be introduced. So far as I have yet attempted its use, it promises to be a most wholesome help in restraining the grosser tendencies of a gross people.

It must be seen, that the personal supervision required to set such machinery to work, and to keep it working, requires more time on the part of the Minister than I have yet been able to command, except in the Chapel under my immediate eye. And it is hence only here where I may reasonably hope to hew out a model in this vast field of materials.

I will not attempt to utter the eager yearnings of my soul to push this work on, to extend it far and near over this Africanized America. Nor would I dare shrink from any amount of such labor put on me. But I beg leave to suggest, that the habitual practice of three services a Sunday is a questionable mode of expedition. Too much may be undertaken in any work for success. The pastoral turn that might be given to Sunday labors is wholly out of the question; essential as it is in this work. And there is no other day but Sunday for it. Even the services have to be hurried often beyond the point of devout composure. Besides this, my special field, I have been able, in week-days and 5th Sundays of the month, to give 23 services and sermons and 4 Holy Communion to white congregations. Dayton has occupied me with a service and sermon every Friday in Lent, besides once a month during the remainder of the year.

Obediently,

W. A. STICKNEY, *Presbyter.*

Post Chaplaincy, Talladega, May 2, 1864.

Rev. and Dear Sir:—I hereby make the following Report from Talladega, in connection with my Chaplaincy C. S. A.

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| Funerals—White 23; Colored 1,..... | Total, 24 |
| Baptism—Infants, | 6 |
| Marriages—White,..... | 1 |
| Confirmations,..... | 2 |
| There are Communicants, connected with this Post of the Army and otherwise— | |
| added 2, added by removal since last report 4, removed 7, stricken off 1— | |
| present number..... | 31 |
| Communion Alms,..... | \$111 10 |
| Devoted to needy persons..... | 98 00 |
| Balance on hand,..... | 18 10 |
| Collected at Bishop's visitation for Diocesan Missions and paid over to Bishop, | 80 00 |
| Weekly offertory since 1st February, 1864,..... | 100 05 |

The undersigned hereby acknowledges his indebtedness to the Rev. T. A. Cook, for services rendered through the year, at various times, and especially during his sickness in the month of January.

Besides the performance of his duties for the year past, as Chaplain of this Post, the undersigned has occasionally visited Jacksonville where he celebrated the Holy Communion at every visit.

He also visited Gen. Martin's Division of Cavalry, near Oxford, where he read service and preached to a large congregation of the army. He has also been able to meet all demands made upon him for services, such as the administration of baptism and burying the dead, in the surrounding country.

Since the adoption of the weekly offertory, there has been a very perceptible increase in the congregations attending our service.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOS. J. NICHOLSON, *Post Chaplain C. S. A.*

ST. ALBAN'S CHURCH, GAINESVILLE.—Rev. A. F. DOWN, Missionary.

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| Baptisms—White, adults, 2; infants, 1,..... | Total, 3 |
| Confirmations—White,..... | 7 |
| Marriages—White | 1 |
| Funerals—White | 1 |
| Communicants—White, at last report, 9; added, 7; died 1; present No..... | 15 |
| Communion Administered,..... | 8 |
| Communion Offerings,..... | \$ 21 75 |
| Collections—Diocesan Missions,..... | 102 60 |
| Weekly offertory, from Advent to 1st May, inclusive..... | 84 55 |
| Library Books, | 350 |
| Time spent in the Parish in the performance of its regular duties, since last report, eleven months. | |

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, JACKSONVILLE

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|-------------------------------------------------|----|
| Baptisms—Infants,..... | 2 |
| Communicants—Added, 1; died, 1; present No..... | 12 |

Part of last year Rev. J. J. NICHOLSON, Post Chaplain, at Talladega, visited our Parish once a month, administering the Holy Communion.

Rev. GEO. H. HUNT, in Deacon's Orders, a refugee from Nashville, officiated from July to Christmas, when he accepted a call from Canton, Miss.

Since, we have only had Morning Prayer in the Church, every Sunday, with a regular and punctual attendance of the children for Catechism.

JNO. D. HOKE, Warden.

ST. MARK'S CHURCH, FORK OF GREENE.—Rev. STEPHEN U. SMITH, Rector.

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|--------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Baptisms—White, adults, 1; colored, infants, 2,..... | Total, 3 |
| Marriages—Colored,..... | 3 |
| Confirmations—White,..... | 3 |
| Funerals—White,..... | 4 |
| Communicants, | 11 |
| Communion Administered,..... | 11 |
| Communion Offerings,..... | \$ 74 60 |
| Collections—Diocesan Missions,..... | 78 60 |
| Church purposes generally,..... | 115 00 |
| Thank-offerings for Widows' and Orphans' Society,..... | 30 00 |

Services, 2d and 4th Sundays, in each month. Time spent in the Parish, twelve months.

GRACE CHURCH, ST. STEPHENS.

Rt. Rev. R. H. WILMER, D. D.

Dear Sir—In compliance with your request, as the surviving Vestryman of Grace Church Parish, I herewith submit the following:

Since the removal of the Rev. Mr. MENZIES, in 1858, to another field of labor, we have not been favored with the services or ministrations of the Church until recently, by a visit from Rev. GEO. W. STICKNEY, who has celebrated Divine Service and administered the Sacraments, much to the gratification of ourselves and the community generally.

As there is considerable interest manifested at this time, and a number who await to be confirmed, it is hoped that it will be in your power, at an early date, to visit us. The following report is annexed:

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|----------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Baptisms—White, adults, 3; infants, 3; Colored, adult, 1,..... | Total, 7 |
| Communicants—White, 7; Colored, 2,..... | Total, 9 |

Very respectfully, yours, &c.

L. J. WILSON, Vestryman.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, CAMDEN.—Rev. W. J. PEARCE, Rector.

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|------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Baptisms—White, infants, 2; Colored, infants 3,..... | Total, 5 |
| Confirmations—White, 18; colored, 2,..... | Total, 20 |
| Marriages,..... | 1 |
| Funerals,..... | 1 |
| Communicants,..... | 12 |
| Communion Administered,..... | 6 |
| Sunday School—Teachers, 1; Scholars, 7,..... | Total, 8 |
| Communion Offerings,..... | \$40 12 |
| Collections—Diocesan Missions..... | 79 20 |

Time spent in the Parish since last report, twelve months.

REMARKS.—This Parish has suffered much during the last eighteen months, from deaths and removals. Two gentlemen, who had been among its firmest friends and most liberal supporters from its foundation, have died; also a most estimable female communicant, who with her husband and children, were the first persons ever baptized by an Episcopal Minister in Wilcox County.

At Claiborne, where I officiate one Sunday in each month, there are five communicants.

Payments at meeting of the Council of the Diocese of Alabama, held in Montgomery, May 5th to 7th, 1864.

| | Bishop's Salary. | Contingent Fund. |
|-------------------------------------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Christ Church, Mobile,..... | \$700 00 | \$70 00 |
| Christ Church, Tuscaloosa,..... | 275 00 | 27 50 |
| St. John's Church, Montgomery,..... | 480 00 | 48 00 |
| St. Paul's Church, Greensboro',..... | 250 00 | 25 00 |
| Church of the Holy Cross, Uniontown,..... | 100 00 | 10 00 |
| St. Andrew's Church, Macon,..... | 90 00 | 9 00 |
| St. Paul's Church, Selma,..... | 170 00 | 17 00 |
| St. John's in the Prairies, Greene County,..... | 50 00 | 5 00 |
| St. James' Church, Livingston,..... | 40 00 | 4 00 |
| St. Mark's Church, Greene County,..... | 40 00 | 4 00 |
| St. Paul's Church, Carlisle,..... | 50 00 | 5 00 |
| St. Peter's Church, Lowndes County,..... | 40 00 | 4 00 |
| St. Luke's Church, Cahaba,..... | 75 00 | 7 50 |
| St. David's Church, Dallas County,..... | 100 00 | 10 00 |
| Trinity Church, Demopolis,..... | 75 00 | 7 50 |
| St. James' Church, Eufaula,..... | 35 00 | 3 50 |
| Trinity Church, Mobile,..... | 200 00 | 20 00 |
| St. Wilfrid's Church, Marion,..... | 50 00 | 5 00 |
| St. Luke's Church, Jacksonville,..... | 25 00 | 2 50 |
| St. Michael's Church, Marengo County,..... | 100 00 | 10 00 |
| St. John's Church, Mobile,..... | 150 00 | 15 00 |
| St. Mary's Church, Camden,..... | 40 00 | 4 00 |
| St. Paul's Church, Lowndesboro',..... | 20 00 | 2 00 |
| St. Alban's Church, Gainesville,..... | 30 00 | 3 00 |
| Calvary Church, Choctaw County,..... | 10 00 | 1 00 |
| St. Matthew's Church, Autaugaville,..... | 10 00 | 1 00 |
| | <u>\$2,215 00</u> | <u>\$321 50</u> |

Diocesan Officers.

Standing Committee.

Rev. J. A. MASSEY, President, Mobile.

Rev. H. SANBORN, D. D., Secretary, Mobile.

Rev. H. N. PIERCE, D. D., Mobile.

H. A. SCHROEDER.

B. A. WHITAKER.

W. P. HAMMOND.

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Rev. F. B. LEE, Rev. J. M. BANISTER, Rev. R. A. COBBS,

Rev. J. W. BROOKWITH, Rev. J. F. SMITH, Rev. Ed. McCLURE,

Rev. G. F. CUSHMAN, D. D. Rev. W. A. STICKNEY.

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S. G. JONES,

A. R. BELL, Treasurer, Montgomery.

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Rev. J. M. MITCHELL,

C. T. POLLARD.

W. G. JONES.

Trustees of Hamner Hall.

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No. 2. C. T. POLLARD,

No. 3. SAMUEL G. JONES.

No. 4. T. B. TAYLOR.

Treasurer of the University of the South for the Diocese of Alabama.

A. R. BELL, Montgomery.

Treasurer of Diocesan Missions.

THOMAS W. MCCOY, Mobile.

Treasurer of the Diocese.

JOHN A. LODGE, Cahaba.

Secretary of the Council.

HENRY A. TAYLOR, Macon, Marengo County.

ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION.

We, whose names are hereunto affixed, deeply impressed with the importance of the Christian religion, and earnestly desiring to promote its holy influence in the hearts and lives of ourselves, our families, and our neighbors, do hereby associate ourselves together under the name and style and title of the Parish of _____ Church _____, _____ County, and State of Alabama, and by so doing adopt the Constitution and Canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Alabama, in communion with the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Confederate States of America.

Agreeably to Canon XI, 1850, we certify to the Convention of the Diocese of Alabama, that the above recited articles of Association have been duly signed by members of the Parish of _____ Church, _____.

CERTIFICATE OF DEPUTIES.

This certifies that at a meeting of the Vestry of _____ Church, _____, held on the _____ day of _____, A, B and C, were duly elected Lay Deputies to represent the _____ the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the Diocese of Alabama, to be holden on the _____ day of _____, in the year of our Lord _____. Canon _____ Title I.

FORM OF PAROCHIAL REPORT.

_____ Parish. _____ Rector.

Baptisms—White, adults, —; infants, —;.....
 Colored, adults, —; infants, —;.....

Confirmations—White, —; colored, —;.....

Marriages—White, —; colored, —;.....

Funerals—White, —; colored, —;.....

Communicants—White, at last report, —; Added, —; Died, —; Removed
 present No.
 Colored, at last report, —; Added, —; Died, —; Remo
 —; present No.

Sunday School—Teachers, —; Scholars, white, —; colored, —;.....

Library Books,.....


Communion Administered.....

Communion Offerings,.....

Collections—Diocesan Missions,.....
 Domestic Missions.....
 Foreign Missions.....
 For Parochial Schools.....
 For Church purposes generally,.....

Time spent in the Parish in the performance of its regular duties, a
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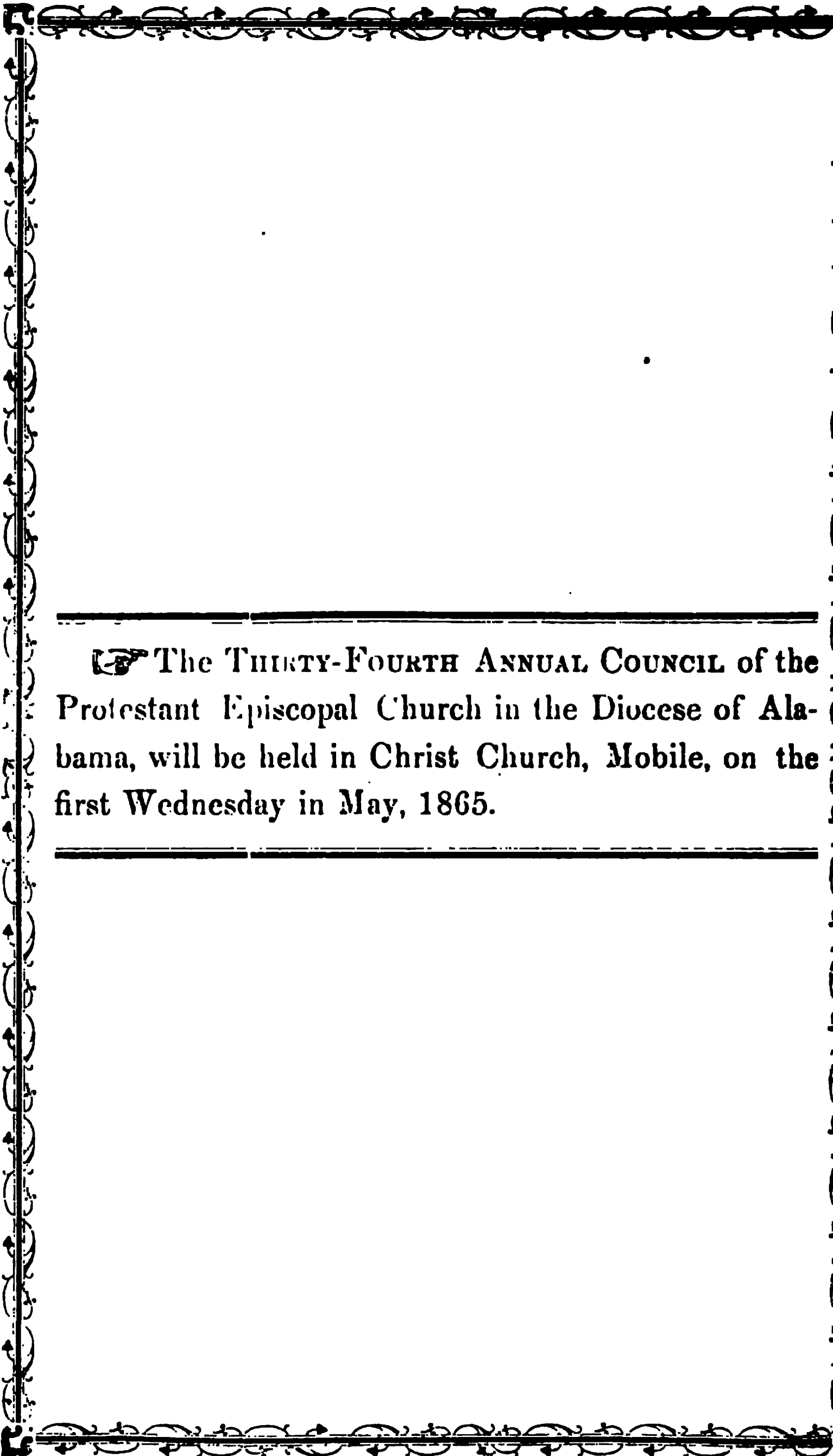
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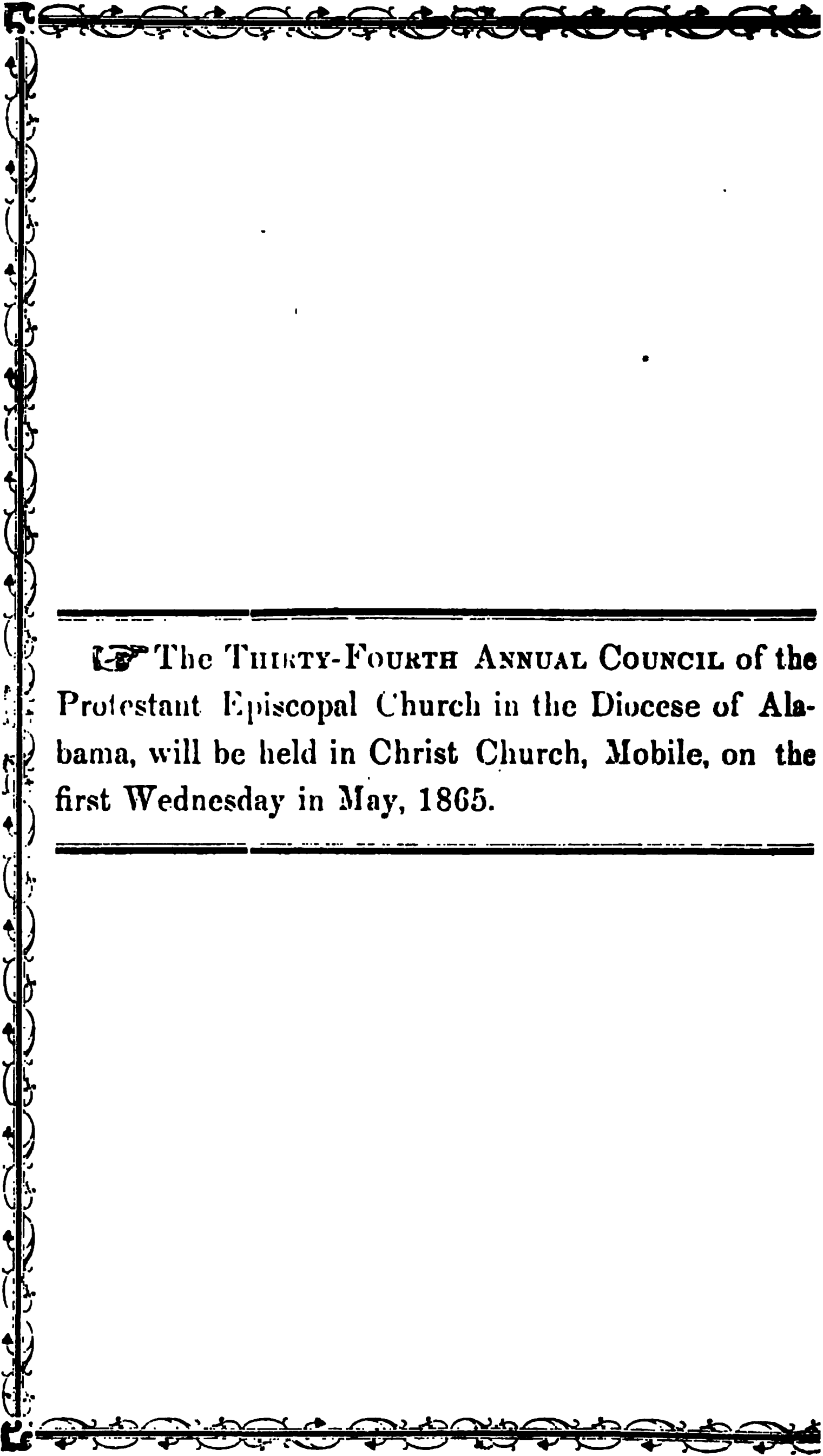



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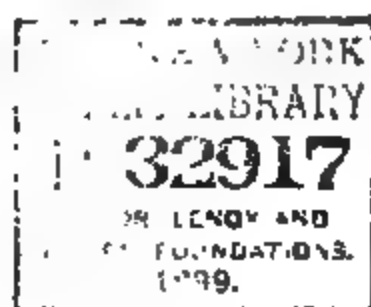
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On WEDNESDAY, MAY 3rd, 1865.

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List of the Clergy in the Diocese of Alabama.

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| Rt. Rev. *RICHARD H. WILMER, D. D., | Greensboro'. |
| Rev. *A. G. BAKEWELL, Deacon, | Chaplain C. S. A. |
| " J. M. BANISTER, | Church of the Nativity, Huntsville. |
| " T. J. BEARD, | St. James' Church, Eufaula. |
| " W. D. CHRISTIAN, Deacon, | Faunsdale. |
| " *R. A. COBBS, | Church of the Holy Cross, Uniontown. |
| " *R. H. COBBS, | St. Paul's Church, Greensboro'. |
| " †THOMAS A. COOK, | Talladega. |
| " GEO. F. CUSHMAN, D. D., | St. Luke's Church, Cahaba. |
| " *A. F. DOBB, Deacon, | St. Alban's Church, Gainesville. |
| " FOSTER ELY, Deacon, | Chaplain C. S. A., Mobile. |
| " *J. Y. GHOLSON, | St. Michael's Church, Marengo County, Faunsdale. |
| " †J. B. GRAY, temporarily in Maryland, | |
| " *F. R. HANSON, | St. Andrew's Church, Macon. |
| " J. S. JARRATT, | Missionary in Montgomery and } Butler Counties, } Montgomery. |
| " F. B. LEE, | St. Paul's Church, Carlowville. |
| " ED. MACCLURE, | St. Wilfrid's Church, Marion. |
| " J. A. MASSEY, D. D., | Trinity Church, Mobile. |
| " A. D. MCCOY, | St. James' Church, Livingston. |
| " *A. MANÆOS, | St. John's Church, in the Prairies, Greensboro'. |
| " J. M. MITCHELL, | St. John's Church, Montgomery. |
| " *R. D. NEVIUS, | Christ Church, Tuskaloosa. |
| " J. J. NICHOLSON, | Post Chaplain and Missionary, Talladega. |
| " W. J. PERDUE, | St. Mary's Church, Camden. |
| " H. N. PIERCE, D. D., | St. John's Church, Mobile. |
| " †J. B. RAMSDELL, | |
| " J. M. ROBERTSON, | Officiating in Jacksonville. |
| " HENRY SANSOM, D. D., | Christ Church, Mobile. |
| " S. U. SMITH, | St. Mark's Church, Fork of Greene, and St. } Stephen's Church, Eutaw, } Eutaw. |
| " J. F. SMITH, | St. Mathew's Church, Autaugaville, and } St. Paul's Church, Lowndesboro', } Lowndesboro'. |
| " J. B. T. SMITH, | Florence. |
| " J. A. SHEPHERD, | Rector of Hamner Hall, Montgomery. |
| " *W. A. STICKNEY, | Canebrake Mission, Faunsdale. |
| " J. H. TICKNOR, | St. Paul's Church, Selma. |
| " J. C. WADDILL, | St. Peter's Church, Lowndes County, Benton. |

CLERGY OFFICIATING BUT NOT TRANSFERRED.

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|---------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| Rev. C. S. HEDGES, D. D., | Emmanuel Church, Opelika. |
| " J. J. SCOTT, D. D., | Church of the Holy Comforter, Montgomery. |
| " F. W. DAMUS, | Claiborne. |

Those marked thus (*) were in attendance. Those marked thus (†) were not entitled to seats.

List of Lay Deputies.

St. Michael's Church, Marengo County.

DAVID MINGE.

*C. BADENHAUSEN.

St. Andrew's Church, Macon.

*H. A. TAYLOE.

J. H. DUBOSE.

St. Paul's Church, Greensboro'.

R. B. WALLER.

*JOHN G. HARVEY.

*C. L. STICKNEY.

H. TINKER.

*A. BENNERS.

St. John's Church in the Prairies, Greene County.

JOHN L. CHARLES.

*E. R. BAYOL.

JOHN R. MOORE.

R. W. WITHERS.

*JOHN S. PEARSON.

Church of the Holy Cross, Uniontown.

W. H. TAYLOE.

J. L. PRICE.

R. W. NICOLSON.

J. M. LANGHORNE.

E. SHEILD.

Christ Church, Tuscaloosa.

*W. H. BEATTY.

PHILLIP FITTS.

S. J. LEACH.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, GREENSBORO', ALA., }
Wednesday, May 3d, 1865. }

This being the day appointed for the meeting of the Thirty-Fourth Annual Council of the Diocese of Alabama, the Clergy and Laity assembled, pursuant to the notice by the Bishop, in St. Paul's Church, Greensboro'. Divine Service commenced at half-past 10 o'clock, A. M. Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. F. R. HANSON and the Rt. Rev. Bishop WILMER; the ante-Communion Service by the Rev. W. A. STICKNEY. The Sermon was preached by the Rev. J. Y. GHOLSON, from 1st Cor. III, 11:

"For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ."

After the Sermon, the Rector of the Parish, the Rev. R. H. COBBS, and the Rt. Rev. Bishop WILMER read the Communion Service, and the Communion was administered by the Bishop, assisted by the Rev. Messrs. STICKNEY and R. H. COBBS.

Immediately after the Benediction, the Congregation was dismissed, and the Deputies assembled in the Church.

The Rt. Rev. Bishop WILMER called the Council to order, and presented a list of the Clergy entitled to seats. Their names being called the following Clergy responded:

Rev. Messrs. BAKEWELL,
R. H. COBBS,
GHOLSON,
MENÆOS,
STICKNEY,

Rev. Messrs. R. A. COBBS,
DOBB,
HANSON,
NEVITS.

The Rt. Rev. R. H. WILMER, D. D., presented a list of the Clergy *canonically* resident in the Diocese, as required by Canon VI.

Rt. Rev. R. H. WILMER, D. D., Greensboro'.

Rev. A. G. BAKEWELL, Deacon, Chaplain C. S. A.

" J. M. BANISTER, Church of the Nativity, Huntsville.

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" FOSTER ELY, Deacon, Chaplain C. S. A., Mobile.

" J. Y. GHOLSON, St. Michael's Church, Marengo Co. P. O. Faunsdale.

" J. B. GRAY, temporarily residing in Maryland.

Rev. F. R. HANSON, St. Andrew's Church, Macon.

" J. S. JARRATT, Missionary in Butler and Montgomery Counties. Post-Office, Montgomery.

" F. B. LEE, St. Paul's Church, Carlowville.

" EDWARD MACCLURE, St. Wilfrid's Church, Marion.

" J. A. MASSEY, D. D., Trinity Church, Mobile.

" A. D. MCCOY, St. James' Church, Livingston.

" A. MENÆOS, St. John's Church, in the Prairies. Postoffice, Greensboro'.

" JNO. M. MITCHELL, St. John's Church, Montgomery.

" R. D. NEVIUS, Christ Church, Tuskalooza.

" J. J. NICHOLSON, Post Chaplain and Missionary, Talladega.

" W. J. PERDUE, St. Mary's Church, Camden.

" H. N. PIERCE, D. D., St. John's Church, Mobile.

" J. B. RAMSDALL.

" J. M. ROBERTSON, officiating in Jacksonville.

" HENRY SANSON, D. D., Christ Church, Mobile.

" S. U. SMITH, St. Mark's Church, Fork of Greene, and St. Stephen's Church, Eutaw. Postoffice, Eutaw.

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" J. B. T. SMITH, Florence.

" J. A. SHEPHERD, Rector of Hamner Hall, Montgomery.

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The list of Parishes was then called, and Certificates of Election were presented and referred to a Committee upon Certificates of Election, consisting of Rev. Messrs. R. A. COBBS, NEVIUS and MENÆOS, who reported as follows:

The Committee on Certificates of Election having examined the same, report the following in due form, and the Lay Deputies therein mentioned entitled to seats:—

St. Michael's Church, Marengo County.—David Minge, C. Badenhause.

St. Andrew's Church, Macon.—H. A. Tayloe, J. H. Dubose.

St. Paul's Church, Greensboro'.—R. B. Waller, John G. Harvey, C. L. Stickney, H. Tinker, A. Benners.

St. John's Church in the Prairies.—John L. Charles, E. R. Bayol, John R. Moore, R. W. Withers, John S. Pearson.

Church of the Holy Cross, Uniontown.—W. H. Tayloe, J. L. Price, R. W. Nicolson, J. M. Langhorne, E. Sheild.

Christ Church, Tuskalooza.—W. H. Beatty, Phillip Fitts, S. J. Leach.

Their names having been called, the following were found to be in attendance:

Messrs. BADENHAUSEN,
H. A. TAYLOE,
BEATTY,
HARVEY,
BENNERS,

Messrs. BAYOL,
PEARSON,
WALLER,
STICKNEY.

A constitutional quorum being present, the President declared the Council duly organized.

The Council then proceeded to the appointment of a Secretary, and HENRY A. TAYLOE was nominated and unanimously appointed to that office.

On motion, so much of the Third Rule of Order as requires the appointment of the Committee on the State of the Church, and the Committee on Canons, was suspended.

The following persons were then appointed as the Committee on Finance, Messrs. C. L. STICKNEY, BAYOL, BEATTY, H. A. TAYLOE and BADENHAUSEN.

The Rules of Order were then suspended in reference to the appointment of the Committee on "Unfinished Business."

The Rules of Order were again suspended, and the reading of the Bishop's Address made the special order for 4 o'clock, P. M.

The Rules of Order were still further suspended so as to dispense with the reading of the Parochial Reports.

The Council then proceeded to the election of the Standing Committee, by ballot. Rev. Messrs. BAKEWELL and DOBB were appointed Tellers. On counting the ballots, it was found that the Rev. Messrs. HANSON, STICKNEY and R. H. COBBS, of the Clergy, and H. A. TAYLOE, of the Laity, were elected. A second ballot resulted in the election of Messrs. R. B. WALLER and E. SHEILD as the remaining members of said Committee.

The Rev. F. R. HANSON was then nominated and elected Treasurer of the Diocese.

On motion, the Council adjourned until 4 o'clock, P. M.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, GREENSBORO', }
Wednesday, 4 o'clock, P. M. }

The Council met according to adjournment. The Bishop then proceeded to read his Annual Address, as follows:

BISHOP'S ADDRESS.

In consequence of the occupation of Mobile by the forces of the enemy, I have convened this Council at Greensboro'. I deemed it of great importance that the regular annual meeting of the Council should take place, and can only regret that the condition of the country prevents a full attendance of the Clergy and Laity.

We have, at all events, a constitutional quorum present for the transaction of necessary business, and I proceed to give an account of my official acts since the adjournment of the last Council.

1864.—May 5th, (Ascension Day.)—I attended the preliminary services of the Council of the Diocese, in St. John's Church, Montgomery, and, after an appropriate Sermon by the Rev. H. N. PIERCE, D. D., celebrated the Holy Communion; the Rector and other Presbyters assisting. This day, and the succeeding two days, were spent in attendance upon the sessions of the Council.

May 7th.—In company with many of the Clergy and Laity I visited Hamner Hall. No one could fail to be struck with the neatness and order apparent everywhere within the walls of this institution. I had no opportunity of forming any estimate of the progress made by the pupils in their studies.

May 8th, (Sunday after Ascension.)—In the morning, I attended service at St. John's Church, and participated in the Exercises; the Rev. JOHN W. BECKWITH preaching the Annual Missionary Sermon. In the afternoon, in St. John's Church, (African,) after a sermon by the Rev. A. D. MCCOY, I addressed the congregation, and confirmed three negroes. At night, after a sermon by the Rev. Dr. QUINTARD of the Diocese of Tennessee, I confirmed nineteen persons in St. John's Church; four of the candidates were presented by Rev. Mr. JARRATT.

May 9th, (Monday.)—I held a special service in St. John's Church, Montgomery, and ordained FOSTER ELY, (late a Methodist Minister,) Deacon. The

candidate was presented for Holy Orders by the Rev. H. N. PIERCE, D. D. Also, at the same time and place, I admitted the Rev. T. J. BEARD, Deacon, to Priest's Orders; the Rev. R. ADDISON COBBS presenting the candidate, and together with the Rev. Dr. PIERCE, uniting in the imposition of hands. The Rev. JOHN Y. GHOLSON preached the ordination sermon.

May 13th.—In St. Paul's Church, Greensboro', I ordained to the Diaconate, ALEXANDER GORDON BAKEWELL, of Louisiana, having been requested to do so by the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese of Louisiana. The candidate was presented by the Rev. A. MENEOS, and the sermon was preached by the Rev. JOHN Y. GHOLSON.

May 15th, (Whitsunday).—I preached at St. John's Church, in the Prairies, and confirmed six persons, one of whom was a negro. I also celebrated the Holy Communion. In the afternoon, I confirmed a sick negro in private.

May 22d, (Trinity Sunday).—I preached at Calvary Church, Pushmataha, and confirmed seven persons; at the same time, also, I celebrated the Lord's Supper. In the afternoon, at the same Church, I preached to the negroes and confirmed three.

May 24th.—I preached at St. James' Church, Livingston, and confirmed four persons.

May 29th, (1st Sunday after Trinity).—I preached at an encampment of soldiers on the Warrior River.

June 2d.—I received from the Standing Committee of the Diocese, testimonials recommending WM. HARRIS BOWERS to be received as a candidate for Deacon's Orders; and, accordingly, I so received him.

June 5th, (2d Sunday after Trinity).—I preached at St. Mark's Church, Fork of Greene.

June 12th, (3d Sunday after Trinity).—I preached at Mr. T. WALTHALL's Plantation and confirmed seventeen negroes. This is one of the points at which the Rev. W. D. CHRISTIAN, Deacon, regularly officiates. On the same day I confirmed one person in private.

June 19th, (4th Sunday after Trinity).—I preached at St. Paul's Church, Greensboro', morning and afternoon. In the afternoon, also, I read the burial service at the interment of a negro child.

June 26th, (5th Sunday after Trinity).—I preached at Newbern, Greene County. There appears to be a strong desire, on the part of some persons, to have regular services at this place, and I am making every effort in my power to find a suitable Clergyman for the position.

July 1st.—I preached at an encampment of soldiers on the Warrior River.

July 3d, (6th Sunday after Trinity).—I preached at St. Wilfrid's Church, Marion, and confirmed six persons; celebrating the Holy Communion. In the afternoon, I catechized the children of the congregation.

July 10th, (7th Sunday after Trinity).—I preached at St. Paul's Church, Greensboro'.

July 14th.—In the Fork of Greene, I confirmed a sick person in private, and administered the Holy Communion. On the next day, I baptized and confirmed another person in private.

July 24th, (9th Sunday after Trinity).—I preached at Trinity Church, Mobile, in the morning. In the evening, I preached at Christ Church, confirming eight persons.

July 30th.—I received the Rev. A. G. BAKEWELL, of Louisiana, into the Diocese of Alabama.

July 31st, (10th Sunday after Trinity).—I preached at St. Paul's Church, Greensboro', and confirmed three persons.

During the summer months I resided in Tuskaloosa, preaching repeatedly, and holding several confirmations. Whilst in Tuskaloosa, I confirmed thirty-five persons, twenty-one of whom were negroes from the plantations of Mrs. COCHRANE and Mr. PHILIP FITTS. The negroes confirmed were the fruits of Rev. MR. NEVUS' earnest labors, seconded and aided by the efforts of their owners. I have never known an effort of this kind upon the plantations that has not been attended with more or less success. In our towns and villages,

the negroes are carried with the throng; and the efforts of our Clergy have not, as a general rule, proved of much avail. During my temporary sojourn in Tuscaloosa, I performed funeral service once, and baptised two infants and sixteen adults, fifteen of whom were negroes.

October 6th.—I received MR. SAMUEL BARD as a candidate for Deacon's Orders upon the recommendation of the Standing Committee.

It will be remembered by the Council, that at our last Session I brought forward the subject of Orphan's Homes, and urged the adoption of measures for their establishment throughout the Diocese. The Council, after due deliberation, referred this matter, in great part to my management, and during the summer months, my time was occupied in devising plans and in collecting means for the furtherance of this object. I visited Mobile, and spent some days in conference with the Clergy as to the expediency and practicability of establishing a "Church Home" in that city. It was finally determined to start an institution there upon a limited scale, but the threatened attack upon Mobile frustrated all our plans, and I accordingly purchased a building in Tuscaloosa, and commenced operations at that point. I shall have occasion to refer to this subject more fully in another part of my address, and, therefore pass on to the report of my labours at other points.

October 30th, (23d Sunday after Trinity.)—I preached in St. Paul's Church, Greensboro'.

Nov. 6th, (24th Sunday after Trinity.)—I preached in St. Paul's Church, Greensboro', and celebrated the Holy Communion.

Nov. 20th, (26th Sunday after Trinity.)—I preached at Tallassee, morning and afternoon, and confirmed three persons. The Rev. Dr. HEDGES officiates one Sunday in every month at this point. I hope that a Church building will soon be erected at Tallassee.

Nov. 23d.—I preached at Emmanuel Church, Opelika, and confirmed five persons.

Nov. 24th.—I preached at Trinity Church, Columbus, Georgia.

Nov. 27th. (1st Sunday in Advent.)—I preached at St. James' Church, Eufaula, morning and afternoon, and confirmed nine persons.

Nov. 29th.—I preached at Clayton, County Seat of Barbour, and confirmed eight persons. The Rev. T. J. BEARD officiates at this point once a month, in connection with his labours as Rector of St. James' Church, Eufaula.

Dec. 2d.—I held a special service at St. James' Church, Eufaula, and confirmed one person.

I had an appointment at St. John's Church, and the "Holy Comforter," Montgomery, for the 2d Sunday in Advent, but, owing to the failure of the boat to make connection with the cars, I was compelled to postpone my visitation to Montgomery to another time.

Dec. 20th.—I preached at Christ Church, Tuscaloosa, and set apart, with due solemnities, three devout women to the work of ministering to the afflicted and destitute. On the same occasion, I celebrated the Holy Communion. Whilst in Tuscaloosa, I had the pleasure of beholding our little band of "Sisters" occupying the Church Home, and preparing to make it, under God's blessing, a nursery of the Church.

1865.—Jan. 1st.—I preached at St. Paul's Church, Greensboro', and confirmed seven persons.

Jan. 22d.—Preached at St. Paul's Church, Greensboro'.

Feb. 19th.—In St. Paul's Church, Greensboro', after a sermon by the Rev. Dr. QUINTARD, I confirmed five persons.

March 1st, (Ash Wednesday.)—Preached in St. Paul's Church, Greensboro'.

March 5th, (1st Sunday in Lent.)—Participated in the services at same Church, and assisted in the celebration of the Holy Communion.

March 12th, (2d Sunday in Lent.)—Failed to reach Montgomery, and preached in St. Paul's Church, Selma. In the afternoon, catechized the children of the congregation.

March 15th.—Preached in St. John's Church, Montgomery, at night, and confirmed twenty-six persons.

March 16th.—In the afternoon, after a sermon by the Rev. Mr. BECKWITH, I

number of confirmations would have been larger than that reported to any previous Council of the Diocese.

The Rev. F. W. DAMUS had reported to me that some fifteen or twenty candidates were awaiting confirmation at Claiborne; and I had received encouraging statements from other fields of labour.

The Rev. J. B. T. SMITH, of Florence, has communicated to me a most distressing account of the state of things in the North-western part of the State. I had made arrangements for visiting that section during the month of December, but my plans were thwarted by the unexpected retreat of our army from Tennessee.

Having concluded this summary of my official labours up to the present time, I will briefly refer to some particulars of interest to the Council.

It will be remembered that, in my last annual address, I called the attention of the Council to the subject of Orphan Homes, and that the whole matter was referred to a Special Committee. In the report of this Committee, (see pp. 26-27 of the Journal for 1864,) certain resolutions were presented and adopted, to the effect that "each Parish should take immediate steps for the establishment of Christian Houses for Orphans within its own limits, or within the circle of its influence"; and "that the details of the plan, on which these institutions shall be organized, be left to the discretion of the Bishop, with the advice and assistance of the Rectors and Vestries of the various Parishes."

Immediately upon the adjournment of the Council, I gave this whole subject my undivided attention, and sought counsel of the Clergy and Laity in all directions. Keeping steadily in view the idea which I had presented to the Council, (and which the Council had approved by the large discretion given me in the premises,) viz: that a large institution was not desirable, but rather a number of small ones, I immediately cast my eyes over the Diocese to seek the most available points at which to commence the work. It was obvious, at the first glance, that it was neither practicable, nor desirable, to establish a Church Home in every Parish. Many of the Parishes, both in village and country, were very small, the population sparse, and the number of destitute persons very limited.

I, therefore, concluded to settle upon certain important points, in the Diocese, so situated as to accommodate the different sections of the State, and at once to call upon the Parishes in the vicinity of these selected points to contribute to the establishment of Church Homes, which should at once accommodate their destitute children, and furnish scope for their christian beneficence.

Accordingly, I determined upon Mobile and Tuskaloosa, as the points for immediate effort, and visited Mobile in July last, with the view of conferring with the Clergy and Laity of that city, as to the best mode of securing the desired end. But the time was unpropitious—the city was momentarily threatened by the enemy—the expense of sustaining the institution would have been enormous; and, most reluctantly, I felt obliged to recall the persons whom I had sent to Mobile, and to give them employment in another locality.

I next visited Tuskaloosa, and found that the Rector and Vestry of Christ Church, in that city, were deeply interested in the scheme, and prepared to second my efforts. From that point I wrote to the various Parishes in the centre of the State, and called upon them to make their contributions to a Church Home for Orphans in the city of Tuskaloosa. This call was liberally responded to, both by Clergy and Laity, and I was enabled to purchase a house and lot, a school-house and garden, and at once to commence operations.

At the present time we have accepted in the Home, and under the immediate direction of the Deaconesses in charge, eight orphan children; and in the Parochial School, (which is also under the same management, with the aid of Associates,) we have some fifty children.

It was my aim in the beginning, not only to establish a Church Home for Orphans, but also to make the Home a centre of Church influence to the destitute population around it. Tuskaloosa, considering its size, has a large population of persons engaged in the factories, and numbers of children, too small, as yet, to be put to work, are collected there. The result of our efforts among these

children, so far, is most encouraging, and should stimulate us to expand our efforts at other points of the same description.

It is, doubtless, well known to most of the Council, that there is, and has been for some years, a Church Home for Orphans in the City of Montgomery under the pastoral care of the Rector of St. John's Church. By a recent vote of the Legislature, this Asylum bears the ever-venerated name of Bishop Comer. There is a beautiful fitness and propriety in the selection of this name; for the institution owes its existence to the pious efforts of our dear departed Bishop. In our present efforts for the relief of the destitute, we are only following his lead, and we can take no step in any direction for the amelioration of human suffering, without seeing before us his foot prints. Be it ours to emulate his spirit, and to carry forward to a glorious consummation his many wise and earnest efforts for the extension of Christ's Kingdom throughout the length and breadth of this Diocese.

I here give a statement of the monies donated to the "Church Home" by the several Parishes applied to.

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| From St. Paul's Church, Greensboro', cash, (and bonds sold), | \$5,635 00 |
| " " " " " bonds and certificates | |
| " " " " " in hand, | \$7,500 00 |
| From Talladega, | 340 00 |
| " Christ Church, Tuskaloosa, cash, (and bonds sold), | 8,241 00 |
| " St. Wilfrid's Church, Marion, cash, | 6,677 00 |
| " Trinity Church, Demopolis, cash, (and bonds sold), | 5,861 00 |
| " Emmanuel Church, Opelika, cash, | 100 00 |
| " " " " bonds in hand, | \$200 00 |
| " St. John's Church, in the Prairies, cash, | 120 00 |
| " Church of the Holy Cross, Uniontown, cash, (and bonds sold), | 1,592 90 |
| " " " " " bonds unsold, \$3,000 00 | |
| " St. Andrew's Church, Macon, cash, (and bonds sold), | 6,636 00 |
| " " " " bond unsold, | \$100 00 |
| " County Line, Dallas, cash, | 1,050 00 |
| " St. Paul's Church, Selma, cash, | 4,236 00 |
| " " " " bonds, not collected, | \$900 00 |
| " St. Michael's Church, Marengo, cash, (and bonds sold), | 5,482 00 |
| " " " " bonds and certificates | |
| " " " " unsold, | \$2,900 00 |
| " Dayton, cash, | 232 50 |
| " St. Stephen's, Eutaw, and St. Mark's, cash, (and bonds unsold), | 620 00 |
| " " " " certificate unsold, | \$300 00 |
| Miscellaneous donations, | 2,825 00 |
| Total of available funds, | \$49,651 00 |
| Total of bonds, certificates, etc., unsold, (face value), | \$14,900 00 |
| I have disposed of the available funds as follows, viz: | |
| For purchase, outfit and support of the establishment to present time, | \$32,509 00 |
| Invested in Cotton for future use, | 3,885 00 |
| Deposited with Samuel G. Jones for investment in real estate, | 10,257 00 |
| Balance in hand for current expenses, | 3,000 00 |
| | \$49,651 00 |

In this connection it will be proper to bring before the Council a statement of what I have done in the way of obtaining the protection of law for the property acquired.

Inasmuch as the Church Home in Tuskaloosa was purchased by the joint contributions of various Parishes, and is under the immediate government and direction of the Bishop; and, inasmuch as similar institutions may be established at other points, which in order to their effective working should be made mutually subservient, and be under one management, I had the property deeded to the Bishop of the Diocese and to his successors in office, holding jurisdiction in the Diocese.

This plan occurred to me, and to others with whom I advised, as the best calculated, under all the circumstances of the case, to give unity and efficiency to the general scheme of Church work among the destitute children and widows of the State. I have deemed it proper, however, to submit all that I have done to the Council, and it will be for them to determine upon some permanent scheme for the furtherance of the important ends in view.

I would observe, in this connection, that I have assigned the immediate direction and control of the institution at Tuscaloosa to an order of devout women, solemnly separated to the work of ministering to the poor, sick and afflicted. This order, under a chief of their own designation, and of the Bishop's appointment, acts under the direction of the Bishop of the Diocese.

Having thus established the institution, it became necessary to seek legal protection for the property acquired. There were, besides the Asylum, other properties, such as donations to the Church by will, deeds of Churches, and of lots of ground, made to the Bishop of the Diocese, in localities where there were no Vestries. There was no legal security for all such property, or for other that might be similarly donated. To guard against all possible loss, and, at the same time, to secure all such property from taxation, became my immediate duty. I, therefore, requested the Hon. Mr. BENNERS, a delegate to the Legislature from Greene County, to secure the passage of such an Incorporation Act as would cover all cases not yet provided for. With his accustomed energy and fidelity he succeeded in procuring from the last Legislature of the State an Act of Incorporation, which provides for all the cases above specified. I submit, herewith, a copy of the Act of Incorporation, and recommend that it be referred to a Special Committee, with instructions to report upon it to the next Council of the Diocese.—[See Appendix B.]

It would have been most proper that an application for Incorporation should have emanated from this Council; and I was reluctant to anticipate its action. I felt, however, and especially during my continued sickness, that it was necessary to take some immediate steps for the security of sundry items of property which had been deeded to me as Bishop of the Diocese, while as yet the Bishop of the Diocese was not recognized by the law. The whole matter is now, happily, in the hands of the Council, and they are competent to make such modifications and alterations in the Act of Incorporation as shall meet their views in all particulars. It will be seen that the Act of Incorporation is most liberal in its provisions; but it appears to me that, in some important particulars, the power granted to the Bishop is too broad and undefined, and will, therefore, need modification. Any alterations decided upon by the Council can easily be introduced into the present Act; or a new Act can be substituted for it, if the Council should so decide.

In this whole matter, as in all others pertaining to the extension of Christ's Kingdom, we are all of one mind as to the end to be attained; we cannot, therefore, seriously differ as regards the means to be employed.

I furthermore report an account of my action in another matter of duty, which devolved upon me by the action of the last Council. It will be seen from the last Journal, (see p. 24,) that the committee on the work of the Church in the Army, reported as follows, viz: "that the Bishop of the Diocese be respectfully requested to take the control and management of the important enterprise of supplying the army with religious literature, calling to his aid as many Clergymen and Laymen as he may elect, to assist him in the collection of funds, preparation and publication of reading matter, and the distribution thereof."

In pursuance of which resolution, immediately after the adjournment of the Council, I invited sundry of the Clergy to go to the Army in Georgia, and to labour among the soldiers in the hospitals and in the field. The Rev. Messrs. GHOLSON, BECKWITH, JARRATT and BEARD, accordingly, proceeded with commendable diligence to the work assigned them. Their reports to me were most encouraging, and I feel assured that the result of their labours will be disclosed in time and throughout eternity.

Having been informed by Bishop LAY that he purposed to remain with the Army, I requested the Clergy from this Diocese to report to him all candidates for confirmation, and to seek his counsel and advice in all matters pertaining

to their Missionary work in the Army; in order to secure that unity of effort which is so congenial to the spirit of the Church, and so important to its success in every undertaking. At that time I had fondly hoped that a great work was before the Church in the Army of Tennessee, and I was preparing to second Bishop LAY's plans with all the means and the men that could be spared. But, as it seems to us, unhappily, a sudden change of position of the army and its subsequent rapid movements, rendered abortive all our plans, and to this time, no opportunity has been afforded of resuming the enterprise auspiciously begun.

In the matter of Church literature, I published several tracts and pamphlets, and contracted with the Editor of the Church Intelligencer for the publication of a continuous supply. But the interruption of our communications with the publishing house has hitherto prevented me from receiving any adequate supply. Recently, I have heard that Bishop LAY has again connected himself with Missionary work in the Army now in North Carolina, and I have directed the publishers to put into the Bishop's hands for distribution, all the tracts which I had ordered and paid for.

The monies expended in paying the Clergy, and for the publication of tracts, were drawn from the Diocesan Missionary Fund, which, through the wonderful liberality of the people in response to my appeals, has been ample to meet all demands.

In conclusion, I would give utterance to some thoughts which crowd upon my mind in connection with the circumstances under which we find ourselves at the present time.

The vicissitudes of the war have at last brought us, in this section, face to face with all its painful realities, and there is every probability that, for awhile, we may be exposed to the sufferings and trials which have befallen our brethren in other parts of the country. I have my opinions, and my convictions, and my hopes, as a man and as a citizen, to which I give expression in other places and at other times, but I stand before you, my brethren, in another and a higher relation, and must speak to you from a higher stand-point.

These are the times to try every man's faith, and every man's work, of whatever sort it is. If the pressure should become heavier, and it gives promise of it, the process of sifting will go on until every man shall stand revealed to himself and to his fellow man, in all his native manliness and christian fortitude, or in all his undisguised littleness. It seems—this day in which we live—to be something like the hour of judgment; at least, it gives premonition of that dread day, when the secrets of all hearts shall be disclosed, and terror shall set upon all whose treasures are not laid up beyond the reach of moth, and rust, and thieves. The Great, the Good, and the Merciful God, to whom we have often made our appeal, and, as will some day appear, not in vain, knows that our faith in Him is much more precious than gold and silver, than houses and lands, than ease and comfort, yea, infinitely more precious than life itself. He therefore, suffers our faith to be tried, for faith is only increased by trial. He calls it now into exercise, by sending thick clouds and darkness about our pathway. It is when we can no longer see our way that we learn to walk by faith. When before did God vouchsafe to men a more glorious opportunity of signifying and illustrating their faith in Him? And Oh! the pity and shame of letting slip the grandest occasion that we may ever have of doing honor to our mighty God, by serenely trusting in Him to bring to pass whatever may seem in His judgment to be best and most expedient for us!

Whatever may betide us, one thing is infallibly certain, that God's name will be hallowed, His kingdom will extend, and His will be done. It should be sufficient for the children of God to know, that in all things their Father will be glorified, and His name magnified throughout the world. Therein can we still rejoice, yea, and we *will* rejoice.

It behooves us, who are members of Christ, children of God, and heirs of the Kingdom of Heaven, to let our light shine amid the surrounding gloom; even hereunto are we called, to make manifest to the world, that knows not God, the power of His grace, and the mighty revelations of the gospel of His Son. We are to show men that their rock is not as our rock, by being in

steadfast and unmovable than they. We are, ourselves, to learn, and to teach others by example and precept, that all things are not lost while honor, integrity and faith are maintained; that he only is lost and ruined who has made shipwreck of faith, and hope, and of a good conscience.

Never had the Church in our day so glorious a mission to perform. God gives us now the opportunity to display to the world the reality of true religion—that he who has taken fast hold upon the divine promises, cannot be greatly moved. Men cannot learn this if they see us greatly moved.

Let us learn ourselves, and thus be able to teach others, that there is a conflict waging on this earth—aye, waging in every heart—between the law of our members, which worketh downward, and the law of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus, which worketh upward, beside whose issues all these earthly conflicts appear to be petty and contemptible; and that he only is hopelessly subjugated who surrenders himself to the power of some base appetite, and is led captive of the Devil—that God's service alone it is which giveth perfect freedom, and thus if the Son shall make us free, we shall be free indeed. Here, in this last stronghold, when every other position has been forced to yield, can we make our stand, and be content to be nothing that God may be all in all. He who shall learn this through the present pressure of trial, will still bless God and magnify Him for ever and ever, aye, bless Him for that, wherefore he is now tempted to distrust Him.

Nor let us intermit any duty, least of all any duty which pertains to the Kingdom of God. That Kingdom shall survive when all nations shall have perished, and all revolutions shall have been forgotten. It is because the days are evil that we should redeem the time by greater earnestness and devotion to duty. For if the darkness which now hangs around us be, and it may be, only the deeper darkness which precedes the dawn of day, let us rouse ourselves that we may do a full day's work; or if it foreshadows the coming night, let us bestir ourselves to work while it is called day, lest the night come when no man can work—breathing into our duty the spirit of this Easter-Tide—"not with the leaven of malice and wickedness"—the baleful fruit of war—"but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth." And forasmuch as we know that our labor shall not be in vain in the Lord, let us "be steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord."

Thus may we be enabled to say with the Holy Prophet of old, "Although the fig-tree shall not blossom, neither shall fruit be in the vine; the labor of the olive shall fail, and the fields shall yield no meat; the flocks shall be cut off from the fold, and there shall be no herd in the stall, yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will joy in the God of my salvation."

On motion, it was resolved that so much of the Bishop's Address as refers to the Act of Incorporation for Church Homes, &c., together with that Act itself, be referred to a Committee of three, with instructions to report to the next meeting of this Council. Messrs. A. BENNERS, W. P. BOCOCK and R. B. WALLER, were appointed as said Committee.

On motion, it was resolved that the remainder of the Bishop's Address be laid upon the table for future reference.

The Council then proceeded to the election of Deputies to the General Council. Rev. Messrs. BAKEWELL and DOBB were appointed Tellers. On counting the ballots, it was found that the Rev. Messrs. BANISTER, MITCHELL and PIERCE, of the Clergy, and Messrs. S. G. JONES and JOHN D. PHELAN, of the Laity, were elected. Another balloting was then had, which resulted in the choice of the Hon. W. B. BOCOCK as the remaining Lay Deputy.

The Council next proceeded to the election of Alternate Deputies to the General Council. On counting the ballots, the following gentlemen were declared to be elected, Rev. Messrs. R. A. COBBS, STICKNEY and MASSEY, of the Clergy, and Messrs. W. G. JONES, A. BENNERS and A. R. BELL, of the Laity.

The Committee on Finance then made the following Report :

The Committee on Finance beg leave respectfully to report, that not having access to the Report of the Treasurer of the Bishop's Fund, owing to the strained condition of our Country, politically and financially, we consider it wise and impolitic to make any assessment at this time for the support of the Bishop for the ensuing year. And until such time arrives that a proper assessment can be made, we request the Parishes to contribute, in kind, liberally to the Bishop's support, and recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved, That the Rev. F. R. HANSON be appointed as the Agent of the Council to carry out the spirit of the foregoing recommendation.

Resolved, That in view of the aforesaid financial condition of our Country and our inability to make any assessment, we suggest to the Council the propriety of adjourning (when it does adjourn) to meet again at the call of the Bishop.

H. A. TAYLOE, Chairman.

On motion, the Report and the accompanying Resolutions were adopted.

The following Preamble and Resolutions were then unanimously adopted.

Whereas, Since the last meeting of this Council, it has been called on to mourn the death of A. W. ELLERBE, Esq., of Dallas County, who, for many years, has been one of its most prominent members, Therefore,

Resolved, That in the death of Mr. ELLERBE, the Church and the State have sustained a loss which has filled our hearts with the deepest sorrow.

Resolved, That we shall ever cherish a lively sense of his invariable gentleness and suavity of manner, and of the efficient services which he rendered to the Church.

Resolved, That a copy of this Preamble and Resolutions be forwarded to the widow of the deceased.

On motion, Messrs. S. G. JONES, A. R. BELL and J. D. PHELAN were elected Trustees of the Bishop's Fund.

T. W. MCCOY, Esq., was then elected Treasurer of the Diocesan Missionary Society.

Rev. J. M. MITCHELL was elected a Trustee of Hamner Hall.

After suitable Prayers by the Bishop, the Council adjourned to meet in Montgomery on the first Wednesday in May, 1866.

R. H. WILMER, President.

H. A. TAYLOE, Secretary.

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

The Standing Committee of the Diocese beg leave to present the following report of their acts for the past year:

The Committee was organized May 16th, 1864, by the election of the Rev. A. MASSEY, President, and the Rev. H. SANSOM, D. D., Secretary.

May 28th, 1864.—The Committee signed the testimonials of Mr. WM. HARRIS BOWERS, recommending him as a Candidate for Holy Orders.

September 29th, 1864.—The Committee signed the testimonials of the Rev. SAMUEL BARD, late a Minister among the Cumberland Presbyterians, recommending him as a Candidate for Holy Orders.

The above is respectfully submitted as the report of the Standing Committee for the year ending May 4th, 1865.

J. A. MASSEY, President.

APPENDIX A.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

CHRIST CHURCH, MOBILE.

The following report is taken from the Register of the Parish, from the 1st of May, 1864, to August 15th, 1865, inclusive, the latter being the date at which I resigned the Parish.

H. SANSOM.

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| Baptisms—Adults, white, 4, colored, 7; children, white, 20, colored, 4; Total, | 35 |
| Confirmations—White, | 20 |
| Communicants—Removed, 20; died, 6; present No. about..... | 275 |
| Marriages—White, 4; colored, 1, | Total, 5 |
| Funerals—White, | 17 |
| Sunday School—Scholars, white, 115; colored, 10; Teachers, 20, | Total, 145 |
| Contributions—Communion Alms, | \$1,312 20 |
| Society Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen, .. | 761 40 |

The above report may not be in strict accordance with the prescribed form, but it is as nearly accurate as circumstances will admit.

CHRIST CHURCH, TUSKALOOSA.—Rev. R. D. NEVUS, Rector.

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| Baptisms—White, adults, 1; infants, 16; colored, adults, 21; infants, 13; Total, | 51 |
| Confirmations—White, 14; colored, 21, | “ 35 |
| Marriages—White, | 2 |
| Funerals—Infants, 2; adults, 3, | Total, 5 |
| Communicants—White, at last report, 118; present No. | 131 |
| Sunday School—Teachers, 4; scholars, 80, | Total, 34 |
| Communion Administered—(in private once), | 23 |
| Communion Offerings, | \$ 704 35 |
| Missions, | 85 00 |
| Subscriptions in current funds to the “Church Home,” | 6,179 00 |
| in 8 per cent. bonds, | 2,500 00 |

Time spent in the Parish twelve months.

The Baptisms and Confirmations of colored persons, reported above, are the results of labor performed among the slaves upon the plantations of Mrs. S. L. COCHRANE and Mr. P. A. FITTA.

Holy Communion has been administered weekly in the Parish during the last two months, with one exception only.

A flourishing Parish School has been established, and is under the charge of the Sisters of the “Church Home,” assisted by a corps of young ladies of the congregation. No. of pupils 60.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, GREENSBORO'.—Rev. R. H. COBBS, Rector.

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| Baptisms—White, adults, 6; infants, 12; colored, adults, 1; infants, 4, .. | Total, 23 |
| Confirmations—White, | 15 |
| Marriages—White, 8; colored, 2, | Total, 5 |
| Deaths—White, 9; colored, 1, | Total, 10 |
| Communicants—White, added, 7; removed, 1; died, 1; present No. | 88 |
| Colored, | 1 |
| Contributions—Army Purposes, | \$ 803 92 |
| Diocesan Missions, | 755 00 |
| Charitable Purposes, | 789 00 |
| Church Purposes, | 258 25 |
| Orphans' Home, | 13,228 55 |

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, IN THE PRAIRIES.—Rev. A. MENAOS, Rector.

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| Baptisms—White, infants, 1; colored, infants, 2,..... | Total, 3 |
| Confirmations—White, 5; colored, 2,..... | " 7 |
| Marriages—White,..... | 1 |
| Funerals—White, 1; colored, 3,..... | Total, 4 |
| Communicants—White, at last report, 7; added, 5; present No..... | 12 |
| Colored, at last report, 3; added, 1; present No..... | 4 |
| Collections—For the Orphan Asylum,..... | \$170 00 |
| For Army Chaplains,..... | 50 00 |
| Communion Offerings,..... | 12 00 |

Time spent in the Parish, in the performance of its regular duties, since last report, twelve months.

The services to four plantations have been kept up as long as my health permitted me. Since last August, my health has been in a bad condition, and I have been able to perform very few of my ministerial duties, and at very rare intervals.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, MONTGOMERY.—Rev. J. M. MITCHELL, Rector.

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| Baptisms—White, adults, 13; infants, 41; colored, infants, 17,..... | Total, 71 |
| Confirmations—White, 47; colored, 2,..... | " 49 |
| Marriages—White, 11; colored, 2,..... | " 13 |
| Burials—White,..... | 47 |
| Communicants—White, at last report, 228; present No..... | 249 |
| Colored, at last report, 18; present No..... | 30 |
| Sunday School—Teachers, 13; scholars, 125,..... | Total, 138 |
| Communion Administered,..... | 14 |
| Collections—Bishop Cobbs' Home for Orphans,..... | \$2,741 75 |
| Missions in C. S. Army,..... | 1,430 00 |
| Relief for Columbia, S. C.,..... | 8,000 00 |
| Diocesan Missions,..... | 720 00 |
| Voluntary contribution to Bishop Wilmer,..... | 500 00 |
| Alms,..... | 394 43 |

The above collections were in Confederate currency. \$13,786 18

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, SELMA.—Rev. J. H. TICKNOR, Rector.

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| Baptisms—White, adults, 10; infants, 20; colored, infants, 1,..... | Total, 31 |
| Confirmations,..... | 13 |
| Marriages—White, 7; colored, 1,..... | Total, 8 |
| Funerals—White,..... | 21 |
| Sunday School—Teachers, 5; scholars, 40,..... | Total, 45 |
| Library Books—Burned. | |
| Communicants—Say,..... | 100 |
| Communion Offerings,..... | \$1,300 00 |
| Collections—Diocesan Missions,..... | 562 50 |
| Military Aid Society,..... | 160 00 |
| Church purposes generally,..... | 1,500 00 |

Time spent in the Parish, in the performance of its regular duties, since last report, twelve months.

In the present unsettled state of our population, it is impossible to make any regular list of actual communicants.

The Church has suffered greatly by the events of war. Not only has our Church edifice been destroyed, with many valuable articles, but we have sustained a still greater loss in the death of our venerable Senior Warden, Mr. R. N. PHILPOT. He was a good and true man, devoted to the cause of Christ and the interests of His Church. He fell while calmly and bravely discharging his duty. We may erect new Churches, but we shall find few such worshippers. No doubt but he "sleeps in Christ."

We are at present, by the kindness of Mrs. H. JOHNSON, using the Dallas Academy on Sundays, as we have opportunity.

ST. WILFRID'S CHURCH, MARION.—Rev. E. MACCLURE, Rector.

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| Baptisms—White, adults, 4; infants, 11,..... | Total, 15 |
| Confirmations,..... | 18 |
| Marriages,..... | 8 |
| Funerals—White, 10; colored, 1,..... | Total, 11 |
| Communicants—White, at last report, 89; added, 44; died, 4; removed, 20; present No..... | 109 |
| Sunday School—Teachers, 6; scholars, white, 50,..... | Total, 56 |
| Library Books,..... | 20 |
| Communion Administered,..... | 15 |
| Communion Offerings,..... | \$306 80 |
| Collections—Diocesan Missions,..... | 155 15 |
| Sunday School..... | 30 00 |
| Church Home,..... | 413 50 |
| Books for soldiers,..... | 191 00 |
| Church purposes generally,..... | 50 00 |

Time spent in the Parish, in the performance of its regular duties, since last report, twelve months.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, LOWNDES CO.—Rev. J. C. WADDILL, Rector.

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| Baptisms—White, infants,..... | 1 |
| Communicants—Present No..... | 11 |
| Communion Administered,..... | 3 |
| Communion Offerings,..... | \$33 |

Time spent in the Parish, in the performance of its regular duties, three months.

Up to Wilson's raid, I held service on alternate Sundays at the Church, and at a neighboring plantation to large and attentive negro congregations. Since then I have been unable to induce them to attend.

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, CAHABA.—Rev. GEO. F. CUSHMAN, D. D., Rector.

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| Baptisms—White, infants, 5; colored, infants, 10,..... | Total, 15 |
| Marriages—White,..... | 1 |
| Funerals—White, 7; colored, 1,..... | Total, 8 |
| Communicants—White, at last report, 80; added, 2; died, 2; removed, 2; present No..... | 28 |
| Sunday School—Teachers, 6; scholars, white, 30,..... | Total, 36 |
| Library Books,..... | 325 |
| Communion Administered,..... | 7 |
| Communion Offerings,..... | \$223 20 |

Time spent in the Parish, in the performance of its regular duties, since last report, ten months.

At Easter, owing to a proposed absence from the Diocese for several months, and the distracted state of the country, the Rector felt constrained to resign the Parish: not wishing to stand in the way of their procuring other services by reason of a Rectorship, which in these evil times was little more than nominal, the Rector being non-resident in the Parish.

PORTLAND.—Rev. GEO. F. CUSHMAN, D. D., Minister.

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| Baptisms—White, infants,..... | 3 |
| Funerals—White,..... | 3 |
| Communicants,..... | 19 |
| Sunday School—Teachers, 5; scholars, 18,..... | Total, 23 |
| Communion Administered,..... | 11 |
| Collections—Orphans' Home,..... | \$1,100 00 |
| For the Poor,..... | 100 50 |

Time spent at the Station, in the performance of its regular duties, since last report, twelve months.

Services have been held twice in the month during the year—the remaining Sundays having been spent at Cahaba when not providentially hindered.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, MACON.—Rev. F. R. McHANNON, Rector.

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| Marriages—White, 2; colored, 3,..... | Total, 5 |
| Deaths—White, 4; colored, 1..... | " 5 |
| Baptisms—White, infants, 1; adults, 1; colored, adults, 1; infants, 6... | " 9 |
| Communicants,..... | 24 |
| Confirmations—White, 1; colored, 1,..... | Total, 9 |
| Time spent in the Parish, twelve months. | |

The Parish contributed about Six Thousand Dollars to purchase an Orphans' Home, and has contributed very liberally to many charitable objects. During the last Summer I visited St. Stephen's at the request of the Bishop, preached twice, administered the Communion in public, and also in private, and baptised one child.

ST. DAVID'S CHURCH, DALLAS COUNTY.—Rev. R. A. COBBS, Rector.

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| Baptisms—White, infants,..... | 1 |
| Funerals—White,..... | 3 |
| Communicants—Number last reported, 11; died, 2; present No..... | 9 |
| Communion Administered,..... | 3 |
| Collections—For Army Missions,..... | \$47 00 |
| For Church Orphans' Home,..... | 71 00 |

Services are held in this Parish on two afternoons in each month.

This Parish, as well as the Diocese at large, has suffered an irreparable loss in the death of the late ALEXANDER W. ELLERBE, Esq., who for so many years represented it in the Councils of the Diocese, and who filled with credit to himself, and with the happiest results to the Church, so many and such important trusts. All who knew him will unite in bearing testimony to his worth as a man, a christian, and a churchman, and all will agree that the death of such a man at such a time as this is one of the most lamentable results of this most destructive and desolating war.

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS, UNIONTOWN.

Rev. R. A. COBBS, Rector.

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| Baptisms—White, adults, 1; infants, 1; colored, infants, 2,..... | Total, 4 |
| Confirmations—White,..... | 1 |
| Marriages—Colored,..... | 1 |
| Funerals—White,..... | 5 |
| Communicants—White, at last report, 36; added, 1; present No..... | 37 |
| Communion Administered,..... | 11 |
| Offerings at Communion,..... | \$ 344 12 |
| Collections—Missions to the Army,..... | 71 45 |
| Establishment and support of Orphans' Home,..... | 4,821 00 |

Time spent in the Parish, in the performance of its regular duties, since last report, twelve months.

TRINITY CHURCH, MOBILE.—Rev. J. A. MASSEY, Rector.

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| Baptisms—White, adults, 6; infants, 56; colored, infants, 2,..... | Total, 64 |
| Confirmations—No Episcopal visitation. | |
| Marriages—White, 16; colored, 4,..... | Total, 20 |
| Funerals—White,..... | 49 |
| Communicants—White, at last report, 237; died, 2; present No..... | 255 |
| Sunday School—Teachers, 12; scholars, white, 80,..... | Total, 93 |
| Library Books—About..... | 180 |
| Communion Administered,..... | 15 |
| Communion Offerings,..... | \$1,519 10 |
| Collections—A Christmas Offering to the Bishop,..... | 1,000 00 |
| Books for the Army,..... | 516 50 |

Time spent in the Parish, in the performance of its regular duties, since last report, twelve months.

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH, MARENGO CO.—Rev. J. Y. GHOLSON, Rector.

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| Baptisms—White, adults, 1; infants, 1; colored, adults, 5; infants, 3, . . . Total, | 10 |
| Marriages—White, 1; colored, 2, | " 8 |
| Funerals—White, 1; colored, 2, | " 3 |
| Communicants—White, at last report, 27; present No. | 28 |
| Colored, at last report, 16; present No. | 20 |
| Communion Administered, | 11 |
| Collections—Diocesan Missions, | \$ 180 00 |
| Church Home, including Communion Alms for same purpose, cash, bonds, &c. | 8,478 83 |
| Army Missions, | 500 00 |

Time spent in the Parish, in the performance of its regular duties, since last report, about ten months.

By appointment and sanction of the Bishop of the Diocese, I visited, as Missionary, the Army of the Tennessee. In this work I was engaged nearly two months, June and July. A report of my work done in the Army, was made to the Rt. Rev. H. C. LAY, acting as Missionary Bishop for the Army of the Tennessee. At the suggestion of the Bishop of the Diocese, said report is herewith appended:

FAUNSDALE STATION, July 25th, 1864.

Rt. Rev. and Dear Sir:—

I regret very much that I could not see you before I left the Army. I passed through Atlanta on Wednesday last, the 20th, but you had then just arrived, and I did not know where you were to be found. Dr. QUINTARD had left. Having been at work as a Missionary in the Army of the Tennessee, it was my desire to make some report of my work to you as Missionary Bishop. While I was in the Army, Bishop WILMER wrote to me to report to you candidates for confirmation, &c. As I was unable to meet you before leaving, I beg leave to send you herewith some account of my labours.

I received the names of some as candidates for confirmation, and baptised a number of others, who will, no doubt, ratify their baptismal vows when the opportunity is presented. While in the field, I became attached to a particular command. I found that by such a course I could accomplish much more, even for a short period. I connected myself with Preston's Battalion of Artillery, Walthall's Division, Stewart's (formerly Polk's) Corps. In this Battalion I baptised: Jno. C. Powers, Wm. L. Powers, Marengo County, Ala., John Ray, Coosa County, Ala., Peter McAllister, Greensboro', Ala., James J. Gordon, Marengo County, Ala., Selden's Battery; Mathew T. Jenkins, Tarrant's Battery.

Received as candidates for confirmation: Abram Vannorden, Perry County, Ala., Selden's Battery; Marion DuBose, Marengo County, Ala., Stewart's Escort; A. H. Pillet, Levi Pillet, Frank Pillet, William Harralson, 4th Louisiana Regiment, Quarles' Brigade, Walthall's Division.

N. B.—The last three names given me by A. H. Pillet, and I am not certain about their confirmation.

I baptised, also, in the hospitals in the "Academy group" of Marietta hospitals, near Atlanta: Lieut. Samuel M. Kerr, Co. C, 38th Tenn., Wright's Brigade, Cheatham's Division, from LaGrange, Tenn.; Thos. C. Bragg, 2d Miss. Cavalry, Armstrong's Brigade, Jenkins' Division, Decatur, Newton Co., Miss.; H. A. Moody, Co. B, 30th Miss., Franklin, Ala.; Stephen Langley, 8th Miss., Shubuta, Miss.; J. R. Deason, Co. B, 33d Ala., Lowry's Brigade, Claiborne's Division, Dale Co., Ala.; Jno. Brister, Co. B, 7th Miss., Tucker's Brigade, Hindman's Division, Bogechita, Lawrence, Co., Miss.; Talbird Edwards, 17th Ala. Regt., Canty's Brigade, Coosa Co., Ala. The last seven were wounded. To my knowledge the last named only, Edwards, died.

I hope that in the course of your work in the Army of the Tennessee, you will meet with many of the above named commands. I trust that you will find it convenient to visit Preston's Battalion, Walthall's Division, Stewart's Corps, and that many of the men herein mentioned, will receive from your hands the holy rite of confirmation.

Very truly yours,

Rt. Rev. H. C. LAY.

JOHN Y. GHOLSON.

ST. MARK'S CHURCH, FORK OF GREENE.—Rev. S. U. SMITH, Rector.

Baptisms—White, adults, by the Bishop, 1; infants, 4; colored, adults, 1; Total, 6
 Confirmations—White,.....2
 Marriages—Colored,1
 Funerals—White, 5; colored, 1,.....Total, 6
 Communicants—At last report, 11; added, 8; died, 2; removed, 2; present No. 14
 Communion Administered,.....9
 Communion Offerings,.....\$ 85 63
 For Church purposes generally,.....800 00
 Time spent in the Parish, since last report, twelve months. Service 2d and 4th Sundays.

ST. STEPHEN'S MISSION, EUTAW.—Rev. S. U. SMITH, Missionary.

Baptisms—White, adults, 8; infants, 6,.....Total, 9
 Marriages,.....2
 Funerals,.....3
 Communicants—At last report, 32; removed, 2; died, 1; present No.....29
 Communion Administered,.....9
 Communion Offerings,.....\$371 40
 For Church purposes generally,.....150 00
 Time spent in the Parish, since last report, twelve months. Service 1st and 3d Sundays.

MISSION TO THE NEGROES IN THE CANEBRAKE.

FAUNSDALE, MARENGO COUNTY.

Rt. Rev. R. H. WILMER, D. D.

Rt. Rev. Father—The following is an account of my stewardship since the last Council. My strength proved unequal to the labour of three services each Sunday, and, as you suggested, I relinquished the two estates of ISAAC CROOM, dec'd, leaving four other points, which have been served as heretofore, twice a month, viz:

FAUNSDALE CHAPEL.

Services,.....27
 Baptisms—Infants,.....10
 Holy Communion—(In private to the sick, 2,).....11
 Communicants—Several under discipline; died, 4; present No.....53
 Marriages,.....5
 Funerals,12

A class of candidates is awaiting confirmation.

The young are receiving *daily* oral instruction of a certain useful kind, besides the Sunday lessons at the hands of some of the ladies in my household.

F. S. LYON'S PLANTATION.

Services,.....18
 Baptisms—Infants,.....39
 Funerals,1

R. B. WALLER'S PLANTATION.

Services,.....18
 Baptisms—Infants,.....32
 Marriages,.....2
 Funerals,.....1

HARRIS TINKER'S PLANTATION, (with his Brother's and Sister's).

Services,.....18

In addition, I have been able to give among white congregations, at Dayton and elsewhere, some 20 Services and Sermons, 2 Holy Communion, 3 Funerals, 2 Marriages.

From my regular field 12 services have been lost by my sickness, 3 by calls to the sick, and 7 by rains. But for these unavoidable hinderances, my appointments would have been met with strict punctuality.

Week-day Services—the Church's greater Feasts and Festivals, as well as those of the nation—give the above preponderance of services to Faunsdale Chapel. So far as I know, other planters would gladly allow these services on their places had I the ability to give them.

By God's mercy we have been unmolested another year in this great and interesting undertaking. The promise of a future harvest is cheering, if our invading foe will permit us to reap it for the honour and glory of God.

Truly and obediently,

W. A. STICKNEY.

ST. ALBAN'S CHURCH, GAINESVILLE.—Rev. A. F. DOBB, Missionary.

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| Baptisms—White, infants,..... | 1 |
| Confirmations—No visitation. One confirmed in Livingston, Ala. | |
| Marriages—White,..... | 1 |
| Funerals—White,..... | 4 |
| Communicants—White, last report, 15; added, 1; died, 1; removed, 1; | |
| | Present No..14 |
| Weekly Offertory—From 15th May, 1864, to 1st May, 1865, inclusive,.. | \$572 28 |
| Library Books,..... | 350 |

Time spent in the Parish, in the performance of its regular duties, since last report, eleven months.

GREENVILLE MISSION.—Rev. JAS. S. JARRATT, Missionary.

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| Baptisms—White, adults, 2; infants, 4,..... | Total, 6 |
| Marriages—White,..... | 1 |
| Burials—White,..... | 3 |

The above report is made from memory, (having had my Register destroyed by fire,) and is necessarily imperfect. The Communion was administered several times, and some collections were made.

I officiated twice a month at Snowden, and administered the Communion twice or thrice. Offerings were received for Church Homes, but amounts not remembered.

REPORT OF REV. J. J. SCOTT, D. D.

To the Rt. Rev. R. H. WILMER, D. D., Bishop of Alabama.

At your request, and that of several Lay gentlemen, I assisted in organizing, in Montgomery, a Parish under the name and style of the "Church of the Holy Comforter." I officiated for the congregation for the period of twelve months from the 8th of May, 1864, at which time, being constrained to return to Pensacola and resume my duties among my old parishoners, the Wardens and Vestrymen extended an invitation to the Rev. E. BECKWITH to become their Rector. The situation will be found to have difficulties, but it is one of importance and promises the happiest results to the dilligent labourer for Christ and the Church.

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| Baptisms,..... | 7 |
| Confirmations,..... | 6 |
| Communicants,..... | 23 |
| Marriages,..... | 4 |
| Burials,..... | 7 |
| Offertory,..... | \$2,534 10 |
| Special Collection for Diocesan Missions,..... | 163 00 |
| Special Collection towards a fund for providing our soldiers with read- ing matter,..... | 168 25 |

Total,..\$2,865 35

J. J. SCOTT, Presbyter,
Officiating for the Congregation.

June, 1865.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, LOWNDESBORO'.—Rev. JAS. F. SMITH, Rector.

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| Baptisms—White, adults, 2, infants, 1; colored, adults, 7, infants, 9, . Total, 19 | |
| Funerals—White, | 1 |
| Communicants—White, present No. | 24 |
| Colored, present No. | 1 |
| Communion Administered, | 4 |
| Communion Offerings, | \$43 71 |
| Time spent in the Parish, in the performance of its regular duties, since last report, twelve months. | |

ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH, AUTAUGAVILLE.—Rev. J. F. SMITH, Rector.

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| Communicants—White, present No..... | 10 |
| Communion Administered,..... | 5 |
| Communion Offerings,..... | \$25 00 |

Time spent in the Parish, in the performance of its regular duties, since last report, twelve months.

PRATTVILLE MISSION, AUTAUGA CO.—Rev. J. F. SMITH, Officiating.

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| Communicants—Present No..... | 10 |
| Communion Administered,..... | 2 |
| Time spent in the Mission, since last report, twelve months. | |

COLUMBUS, GA., May 1st, 1865.

Rt. Rev. R. H. WILMER, D. D.,
Bishop of the Diocese of Ala.

Sir—Stationed at this place as Chaplain to the Post in the Confederate States Army, I found, in connection with my duties as such, an opportunity for the extension of my labours in your Diocese. Purposing to return to that of Louisiana, I respectfully report the following:

AT UNION SPRINGS AND CHUNNANUGGA RIDGE.

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| Communicants—White, | 8 |
| Baptisms—White, infants, | 9 |
| Communion, 1; in private, 1, | Total, 2 |
| Confirmations—Candidates, | 2 |
| Burials—White, infant, | 1 |

OSWICHEE, RUSSEL COUNTY.

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| Communicants—White, | 1 |
| Baptisms—Adults, 4; infants, 2, | Total, 6 |
| Confirmations—Candidates, | 2 |
| Communion, | 1 |

The above places were visited monthly since January last. There is a consecrated Church building at Oswichee, and a suitable room has been secured and arranged at Union Springs. I respectfully suggest attention to these points, in connection with that of Crawford and Glennville, as being of importance to the Church in providing for her scattered children, and likewise the counsel of their Bishop in regard to their duty of sharing, even in these desolate times, with those who labor for them at the altar.

Very respectfully yours,

GEO. W. STICKNEY,
Presbyter of the Diocese of Louisiana.

APPENDIX B.

ACT OF INCORPORATION OF PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH
IN THE STATE OF ALABAMA.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted, &c.,* That the Rt. Rev. RICHARD H. WILMER, Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Alabama, and his successors in office, be, and they are hereby created, a Corporation by the name of the PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN THE DIOCESE OF ALABAMA, and by that name may sue and be sued, defend and be defended, and exercise all the powers incident to religious corporations, and not inconsistent with the Constitution and Laws of this State.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted,* That if there should be a vacancy by death or otherwise in said office, such vacancy shall not cause the dissolution or lapse of said Corporation, but the Standing Committee of said Church shall be regarded as succeeding to said Bishop, for the purpose of this Act, until his successor shall be elected and enter upon his office.

SEC. 3. *Be it further enacted,* That the said Corporation may acquire money, and real or personal estate, of any description whatever, not exceeding one million of dollars in specie, or its equivalent, by gift, grant, devise, bequest or purchase, for the use and benefit of said Church, or of the Asylums hereinafter provided for in said Diocese, and all such property shall be exempt from taxation; and may dispose of the same by gift, conveyance, or otherwise, at the pleasure of said Corporation.

SEC. 4. *Be it further enacted,* That said Corporation be and they are hereby empowered to establish in the City of Tuscaloosa, and at such other place or places in the State of Alabama as they may deem proper, an Asylum or Asylums, by such names as they may deem proper, for the orphans and widows of soldiers, and for other destitute persons, and for the support and maintenance, education and training of such orphans, or other children, and also for the support and maintenance of other destitute persons.

SEC. 5. *Be it further enacted,* That the Bishop of said Diocese for the time being, and, if there be no Bishop, the Standing Committee of said Church, as the head of said Corporation, may make all such rules and regulations for the government of such Asylums, and appoint such suitable agents and officers thereof as they may deem proper, and for satisfactory reasons remove such agents, and provide for the management and disposition of the property of said Corporation; and by the corporate name may receive and dispose of any money, real estate, or other property whatever, for the benefit of such Asylums.

SEC. 6. *Be it further enacted,* That all property, real or personal, heretofore given or conveyed to any person for the benefit of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Diocese of Alabama, or held in trust for the same, shall vest in the said Corporation, as though given or conveyed thereto by its corporate name, and no devise, bequest, gift, grant or conveyance, heretofore made for the benefit of said Church, or of any Asylum, such as contemplated by this Act, or which shall hereafter be made for the use or benefit thereof, or of any Asylum, as herein contemplated, in the City of Tuscaloosa, or elsewhere in the State, shall fail for want of a sufficient description, or of a competent person to take, or for any other reason whatever, but the same shall vest in said Corporation by the name given by this Act.

Approved, December 12th, 1864.

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IN THE
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ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, MONTGOMERY, }
Wednesday, January 17th, 1866. }

This being the day appointed for the called session of the Council of the Diocese of Alabama, the Clergy and Laity assembled in St. John's Church, Montgomery. Divine Service commenced at 10½ o'clock, A. M. Morning Prayer was read by Rev. Messrs. MOWER and LEE; and the ante-Communion Service by the Bishop. The Sermon was preached by the Rev T. J. BEARD, from St. Matthew, 8th chapter, 18th verse:

"As thou hast believed, so be it done unto thee."

After the Sermon, the Bishop proceeded to administer the Holy Communion, assisted in the distribution of the elements by Rev. Messrs. MITCHELL and BEARD.

After the Benediction, the Council was called to order by the Bishop, and the Rev. J. M. MITCHELL appointed Secretary *pro tem*.

The Bishop then presented the following list of the Clergy entitled to seats in the Council:

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| <p>Rev. J. M. BANISTER, " T. J. BEARD, " W. D. CHRISTIAN, " R. A. COBBS, " R. H. COBBS, " J. Y. GHOLSON, " F. R. HANSON, " J. S. JARRATT, " F. B. LEE, " J. A. MASSEY, D. D., " A. MENÆOS,</p> | <p>Rev. J. M. MITCHELL, " R. D. NEVIUS, " W. J. PERDUE, " W. M. PETTIS, " H. N. PIERCE, D. D., " J. M. ROBERTSON, " S. U. SMITH, " J. F. SMITH, " W. A. STICKNEY, " J. H. TICKNOR, " J. C. WADDILL.</p> |
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Their names being called, the following Clergy were found to be in attendance:

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| <p>Rev. T. J. BEARD, " R. H. COBBS, " J. Y. GHOLSON, " F. R. HANSON, " J. S. JARRATT, " F. B. LEE,</p> | <p>Rev. J. M. MITCHELL, " R. D. NEVIUS, " W. M. PETTIS, " H. N. PIERCE, D. D., " W. A. STICKNEY, " J. H. TICKNOR,</p> |
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Rev. J. C. WADDILL.

The list of Parishes was then called, and Certificates of Election were presented and referred to a Committee on Certificates of Election, consisting of Rev. Messrs. R. H. COBBS, R. D. NEVIUS and W. M. PETTIS.

The Committee upon Certificates of Election having examined the same, re-

ported all in due form, and declared the following Parishes entitled to representation :

Christ Church, Mobile.—Messrs. F. B. Clark, J. R. Tompkins, R. Lee Fean, L. A. Schroeder and D. McNeill.

St. John's Church, Montgomery.—Messrs. C. T. Pollard, J. D. Phelan, S. G. Jones, R. F. Michell and Josiah Morris.

St. Paul's Church, Selma.—Messrs. A. G. Mabry, L. Morgan, N. H. R. Dawson and T. B. Wetmore.

Church of the Holy Comforter, Montgomery.—Messrs. S. G. Jones and N. D. Spotswood.

St. John's Church, Mobile.—Messrs. W. P. Hammond, F. E. Gordon, E. C. Keincke, H. F. Stickney and James Bond. Alternates: Messrs. W. T. Walthall, R. DeBell, H. S. Hammond, J. D. Fowler and George Wragg.

St. Peter's Church, Lowndes County.—Messrs. W. B. Hall and H. P. Green.

St. Michael's Church, Marengo County.—Messrs. T. W. Hall, C. Badenhausen.

St. Wilfrid's Church, Marion.—Messrs. W. M. Brooks, P. Lockett, J. J. Seavel and E. L. Stickney.

Their names being called, the following Delegates were found to be in attendance :

Messrs. C. T. POLLARD,
J. D. PHELAN,
R. F. MICHELL,
F. B. CLARK,
J. R. TOMPKINS,
W. B. HALL,
H. P. GREEN,

Messrs. A. G. MABRY,
N. H. R. DAWSON,
S. G. JONES,
N. D. SPOTSWOOD,
JAMES BOND,
H. S. HAMMOND,
P. LOCKETT.

The Rt. Rev. President then declared a constitutional quorum present, and the Council duly organized.

On motion, the Rev. R. H. COBBS was elected Secretary of the Council.

After some remarks by the Bishop, on motion, a Committee of three Clergymen and three Laymen was appointed by the chair to consider the subject of our future Ecclesiastical relations. That Committee was composed of Rev. Messrs. PIERCE, LEE and GHOLSON, and Messrs. POLLARD, CLARK and GREEN.

On motion, the Council adjourned until 4 o'clock, P. M.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, MONTGOMERY, }
Wednesday, 4 o'clock, P. M. }

The Council met pursuant to adjournment. The Committee to whom was referred the subject of our future Ecclesiastical relations, made the following report :

WHEREAS, The Diocese of Alabama in the year of our Lord, 1861, recognizing the fact that the State of Alabama had placed herself under the jurisdiction of a new Government, deemed it highly expedient and necessary to sever, and did sever, her former legislative connection with the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, and with other Dioceses, did subsequently organize a new Synodical body, known as the General Council of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Confederate States: And whereas, the State of Alabama now recognizes herself to be within the jurisdiction of the Government of the United States of America: And whereas, the General Council of the Church in the late Confederate States, at its recent session, did declare, as its judgment, that it is perfectly consistent with the good faith which she owes to the Bishops and Dioceses with which she has been in union since 1862, for any Diocese to decide for herself whether she will any longer continue in union with said Council, and did provide a mode of withdrawal therefrom:

And whereas, it is most consonant with the usage of the Church Catholic for all the Dioceses within the bounds of the same civil jurisdiction to be united in synodical action, as well as by inter-communion, where such union involves no sacrifice of Catholic principle, or the disregard of motives of high expediency pertaining to the well being and efficiency of the Church: And whereas, this Council cordially reciprocates the spirit of charity which prevailed in the proceedings of the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States at its late session in Philadelphia: And whereas, no christian, nor christian body, can, without showing full and sufficient cause, on the grounds of Holy Scripture and Catholic tradition, rightly remain isolated and apart from such union as may most conduce to the peace, prosperity and efficiency of Christ's Church: Therefore,

Resolved, 1st. That the Diocese of Alabama hereby withdraws from her union with the aforesaid General Council.

Resolved, 2d. That the Diocese of Alabama hereby accedes to and adopts the Constitution and Canons of the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America.

Resolved, 3d. That by this adoption of the Constitution and Canons of the General Convention, the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese of Alabama are necessarily so changed as to conform to the new relations thus established.

Resolved, 4th. That the foregoing action shall be considered as duly accomplished when official notice thereof shall have been given to the Bishops of the Dioceses remaining in connection with the General Council, as required by said Council.

Resolved, 5th. That duly certified copies of the foregoing Preamble and Resolutions be transmitted to the Presiding Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, and to the Secretary of the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies of the General Convention.

H. N. PIERCE, Chairman.

The foregoing Preamble and Resolutions were considered in succession, and, on motion, were unanimously adopted.

The Bishop then read his Address to the Council, as follows:

BISHOP'S ADDRESS.

In closing this eventful period of our history, as a Diocese, I deem it proper—in order that the whole Church may understand our position, and that we may transmit to future times a record of our doings—to present to you a brief and comprehensive statement of the whole case.

The action of the Diocese of Alabama, in connection with the other Dioceses of the Southern States, is upon record in the Journals of the Diocese and in the recorded proceedings of the Convention of the Southern Dioceses which met first in Montgomery, Alabama, in July, 1861, and concluded its session at Columbia, South Carolina, in the autumn of the same year.

My connection with the Diocese of Alabama dates from the 6th of March, 1862. I was consecrated thereto by the Bishops of Virginia and Georgia and the Assistant Bishop of Virginia; with the consent of the Bishops and Standing Committees of the Southern Dioceses, afterwards composing the "General Council of the P. E. Church in the Confederate States." When the Confederate Government [within whose limits the "General Council" held ecclesiastical jurisdiction] was overpowered and came to an end, I gave the whole subject of the relation of the Diocese of Alabama to the Church and State, in view of this order of things, my most earnest consideration. There was no opportunity for consultation with my brother Bishops, owing to the interruption of the mails and the obstruction to travel, and I was consequently obliged to exercise my own best judgment and individual discretion in the premises. I found that the war had not only overcome the Government of the Confederate States, but that the State Governments were subverted; their Constitutions abrogated, and their entire civil polity annihilated. Alabama had become a military province; the Governor was deposed, and held under duress, and the administration of justice was assumed by the military power of the United States. Everything connected with the

future status of the State to the General Government was in a condition of great uncertainty.

I state merely the facts of history, and in this presence pass no judgment upon these facts, save in so far as they touch upon the relative duties of the Church.

The first practical question that arose related to the use of the Prayer which the Church had established for the President and all in Civil Authority. The Diocese of Alabama used that prayer when the State of Alabama was a member of the United States. The same prayer was subsequently used in the Church with such change of phraseology as was made necessary by the political changes referred to. There was no doubt upon this point, for the Church accepts the facts of history, and as a Church, cannot properly go behind these facts. But now a new order of things arose. The State was conquered, and not merely martial law intervened, which may properly be the case during the stress of war, but it became a grave question whether the State of Alabama was to be thereafter regarded as one of the States or to be held as a military province under military rule. It did not, therefore, in my judgment, follow, that the Prayer which the Church used for the Government, when that Government threw around her people the protection of the Constitution and of Constitutional law, was appropriate to a people held under military rule. Some day, when the present excitement of feeling has passed away, the point which I have taken, and the issue which I have made, will be vindicated before men, as it is now, I verily believe, before God.

In view of this state of things, I issued the Pastoral of June 20th. (See Appendix A, of Diocesan Journal.) In that document I maintained the position that the lapse of the civil government did not necessarily involve the dissolution of the "General Council"; that the dissolution of that body was a matter for future ecclesiastical determination; that the Prayer for those in Civil Authority was not, in my judgment, applicable to a government exercising military rule, and that the Church alone had discretion and authority in the determination of such a question. I, furthermore—following the analogy of things, and anticipating from the action of the Bishops the probable decision of the General Council—directed that the Prayer for those in civil authority should be used upon the restoration of such authority. I also counselled the people to accept the decisions of Providence; to render faithful allegiance to "the Powers that be;" to take, if lawfully required, the oath of allegiance, and to render unto Cæsar the things that were Cæsar's—carefully guarding from intrusion the things that were God's. It was such a document as this that was pronounced factious and disloyal, and brought down upon the Bishop and Clergy of the Diocese of Ala. a military interdict—closing their Churches and rendering it impossible for them publicly to officiate except upon terms which no man, who was not lost to all sense of what was due to himself, to his Church and his God, could accept. Immediately upon the reception of the military orders, I addressed a note to the General in command. I wished to bring out unmistakably the intent of the orders; to make the point clear, that, if we yielded, it was to force, not to authority. It did not strike me as seeming and respectful to make an issue of force at the Altar of God, and I therefore made the point that the "declaration of intention to use military force would be regarded by me as equivalent to a forcible ejection from the precincts of the Sanctuary." (See Appendix B, with documents.)

It was about this time that the General Convention of the Church was to hold its session in Philadelphia, and although the Diocese of Alabama was not in union with that body, and might not be, it occurred to me that the principle involved by the assumption of secular jurisdiction, in matters ecclesiastical, was one which interested every religious body, and I therefore addressed a letter to certain members of the House of Bishops. It was not addressed to the House, but to individual members, with authorization to use the documents at their discretion. That letter, as it so turned out, reached its destination at the very time when the case of the Bishop of Alabama was before the House of Bishops for consideration. Inasmuch as that letter became the subject of much comment, both in and out of the General Convention, and was said to have exercised a certain amount of influence in my case, and inasmuch as its scope and tenor

have been both misconceived and misrepresented, I here insert it as a part of the history of the period.

[Copy of a Letter to Bishops Hopkins, Clark and Coxe.]

Rt. Rev. and Dear Brethren—I send you a statement of the condition of things here at this time, thinking that it will interest you as churchmen. As to the use of the prayer in question, I presume that you would take issue with me. That is not the point to which I call your attention. As a dutiful son of the Church, I will submit myself unquestioningly to her decisions, and hear thankfully her admonitions, even when contrary to my private judgment. But, as I hope to receive mercy at the last day, I will not move, in matters pertaining to the supremacy of the Church within her sphere, at the dictation of any secular power, civil or military.

I assure you, Rt. Rev. Brethren, that the issue raised is one, which you all will some day have to meet. It will be for you to consider, whether the fact that you differ from me upon the merits of the case will not give a peculiar emphasis to the assertion, on your part, of the true principle in regard to the interference of the secular power with the worship of the Church.

Not that I personally solicit your help. By God's grace I trust to maintain my stand. But the time is propitious, and the opportunity offers to affirm and maintain a great principle. Will the General Convention stand up to this principle? My fear is that the tide of political feeling in the Church North is as yet too strong. You have now an opportunity to show to the Church in the Southern States that you are Churchmen, and not Northern Churchmen. We cannot affiliate with you if you allow politics to enter into Church legislation. Compare the Journal of the "General Council" with that of the last General Convention, and you will discern the mighty difference which then existed, and I fear now exists, between the temper of the Church in the two sections.

I regret the appearance of my letter to Bishop Hopkins in the public press. It was published without my knowledge, and contrary to my wish. I had printed, for circulation, not for publication, a few copies with the hope that the expression of my fears might, at least to some extent, prevent the evils that I have there forecasted. Let the Church North put herself right in regard to the introduction of politics into Church legislation, and she will have no cause to complain of our action. You are at liberty to do what you please with this letter and the accompanying documents. There are certain things which a General, with his band of soldiers, can do—he can close our Churches by force. But there are certain things which he cannot do. Among the latter, he cannot suspend the exercise of Episcopal functions; and it is well that this should be known at once. Think, for a moment, that an officer of the army undertakes to do, in regard to the abridgment of the "free exercise of religion" what the Constitution declares "Congress shall not have power" to do; and to exercise a power over a Bishop and his Clergy that a General Council would not dare to do. Will further proof be needed that the civil law does not reign in Alabama?

Yours truly,

RICHARD H. WILMER.

It will be seen from this letter that I here acknowledge the subordination of my private judgment to that of the Church in matters ecclesiastical; while at the same time I utterly repudiate all thought of yielding an iota to the decrees of the military in matters of Church authority. I had hoped that the General Convention would have seen fit to raise a solemn protest against secular interference. I made no claim upon that body, not being a member thereof, but I hoped, that inasmuch as, according to their theory, the Diocese of Alabama was still under their jurisdiction, they would not lose the opportunity to speak out, as the Church will have some day to speak out, in defence of her supremacy in matters ecclesiastical. A clear utterance from that body at that time might have proved effective. But the opportunity was not used, except so far as to send a member of the House of Bishops to Washington to procure, if possible, a revocation of the military interdict.

My next step was to communicate with the Provisional Governor of the State.

He had announced by proclamation the resumption of Civil Rule, and the subordination of the military power, and had thus constituted himself the proper channel through which, if he had not misapprehended his powers, to seek relief from the unconstitutional and oppressive interdict under which a part of the people of his State was suffering. I addressed him as follows:

[Copy of a Letter to the Provisional Governor of the State of Alabama.]

Dear Sir: I take the liberty to send you the enclosed Pastoral, which I issued to the Clergy and Laity of the Diocese of Alabama, on the occasion of the interference of the Military authorities in closing our houses of worship.

I have made no appeal to the military authorities, because I could not consent to seem to acknowledge their right to make inquisition into things Ecclesiastical. Besides; the "orders" were couched in terms so offensive as to preclude all discussion and explanation.

I have waited for some weeks in the hope that, inasmuch as you had announced that "the military authority was subservient and subordinate to the civil authority," you might see your way clear to intervene in this matter. I could not, for a moment, suppose that the military authorities were in this matter acting subordinately to yourself; and must, therefore, conclude that it is, as I suspected, that the civil authority does not exist supreme in the State of Alabama.

I am not disposed to dispute the authority of any power, civil or military, under which, in the providence of God, I find myself. My mission is to teach and practice obedience to the "powers that be" as having authority of God. It is not, therefore, from any spirit of querulousness with the dominant authority that the present collision has taken place, but from the conviction on my part, that when the Church orders a prayer for "those in civil authority," she means what she says.

It is not settled whether the Southern States shall be received as States, or whether they shall continue to be held as military provinces. You can well conceive that a prayer which the Church ordained for the civil rulers when the State threw the protecting arm of the Constitution and Constitutional law around all her citizens, would not necessarily be—and in this instance is manifestly not—appropriate to a community held under military rule.

I wish you would note carefully the points of the Pastoral. I think that, however you may differ from me upon the merits of the particular case involved, you will admit that I am contending, in the large, for a great principle of enduring importance and of general concernment.

It is worthy of note, that whilst an officer of the army undertakes to suspend me as one "unfit to teach" in the Church of God, the General Convention of the Church in the United States, without a dissenting voice, (so it is announced to me,) proclaims me "apt and meet" to exercise an office from which a Major General seeks to suspend me.

Respectfully, &c.,

RICH'D H. WILMER,
Bishop of Alabama.

Mobile, Ala., Oct., 1865.

The Governor answered this letter with courtesy, and promised to lay before the President the documents which I had transmitted to him. In course of time I was advised that the case had been laid before the President and that there was no prospect of the order being rescinded.

I then addressed the President himself a letter, of which the following is a copy:

To His Excellency, Andrew Johnson, President of the United States:

The undersigned, in behalf of himself and the Diocese of Alabama, respectfully submits: that when, some time since, he found himself shut out from the sanctuary by a military force, he supposed that the "General Orders" to that effect proceeded from a subordinate officer of the Government. He did not feel at liberty to assume that an action, involving such a dangerous assumption of power, could have originated with the Chief Magistrate of the Country.

It is only very recently that the undersigned has had reason to know that the

action of the military power complained of, was made known at Washington. He now considers that the act of a subordinate, having been made known and not having been rescinded, is virtually sustained by the President.

In this aspect of the case, the undersigned trusts that he will not be regarded as transcending the limits of propriety in venturing to bring to the attention of the President the following considerations: that the Constitution of the United States is the Supreme of all secular law; that it prohibits Congress from interfering with religious worship; and that no military power can properly do by orders what the supreme legislative power is prohibited from doing.

The undersigned further respectfully submits: that he finds himself—not having been accused of the violation of any law of the land—subjected to the operation of pains and penalties, and assailed with ignominious epithets.

If it be alleged, as in said "General Orders" it is, that the undersigned is guilty of a violation of a law of his Church, then he claims, in the first place, that he is not a member of the Ecclesiastical organization named in said "General Orders;" and, in the next place, and more particularly, that, if he were, the secular power is not competent, even with the assent of said Church, (which is not pretended) to construe and enforce her Rubrics and Canons.

For all which reasons, and chiefly for the high reason that the secular power has no authority in the Church of God, either in framing her creed, or in prescribing her worship, or in any way interfering with her functions, the undersigned, in behalf as aforesaid, makes his solemn protest to your Excellency against said "General Orders," acknowledges no authority in them, and claims in equity and Constitutional law that they be rescinded.

Respectfully,

Mobile, Nov. 27, 1865.

R. H. WILMER,
Bishop of the Diocese of Ala.

To recur now to the course pursued in reference to the Church at large. As I have already intimated, I maintained the position from the first that the disorganization of the General Council did not necessarily follow upon the overthrow of the Government within whose limits the organization was constituted. True, the separation of the Southern Dioceses was occasioned by circumstances of a political nature but not from a political necessity. It was effected, so far as Alabama was concerned, by her own deliberate action, and could only be changed by the same action. The Diocese of Alabama was a member of the General Council, and, in my judgment, could not, in good faith, take any action without conferring with her sister Dioceses.

It seems to be assumed by a large number of persons, that the relation of the States to the General Government, as practically determined by force of arms, has settled beyond question the relation of the Dioceses to the General Convention. This is a view which is entirely Erastian and uncatholic. No Ecclesiastical organization of associated Dioceses, which bases itself upon geographical and national boundaries, can urge any higher claim than that either of agreement between the Dioceses, or of consideration of high expediency. The Southern Dioceses held this view with almost entire unanimity, and have, in the most formal and positive way, recorded their judgment. In view of this and other differences of sentiment, it seemed most happily ordered, that the session of the General Convention of the Church in the United States was to take place just before the session of the General Council.

In the course of time, I found opportunity to communicate with the Bishops of the General Council. I found that some were ready to take the ground, that both principle and expediency demanded that the Southern Dioceses should at once resume their former relations with the General Convention of the Church in the United States. There were others who, although they did not admit that principle required it, yet were satisfied, that on grounds of high expediency, we should return to our former relations; provided that no uncatholic concessions were demanded of us. With this latter view I fully sympathized, and therefore kept myself in a position to maintain, in so far as my efforts could accomplish it, the organization of the General Council, in order to be prepared for all contingencies whatsoever. In order to this, I resolved to meet the Bishops and

Clerical and Lay Deputies from the other Dioceses, and at that time to deliberate fully with them, and to be governed as circumstances might indicate.

I found also that nearly all the Bishops were resolved that my own case, which was an anomalous one, should be provided for, and that they would not consent to any restoration of ecclesiastical relations which did not provide for the recognition of my jurisdiction as the Bishop of Alabama. Whereupon I stated to the Presiding Bishop of the General Council, that I was unwilling that my case should stand in the way of a general pacification, and that, rather than constitute an obstacle to re-union, I would resign jurisdiction. Such was the multitude of things when the General Convention held its session in Philadelphia. Immediately, upon the opening of the session, I found that my case came before that body for consideration. It would have been more agreeable to myself and more in accordance with the spirit of our Constitution and Canons if the Bishop of Alabama, with his Diocese, had been allowed the privilege of inaugurating their own movements in the premises. In matters of so great importance and delicacy it would seem eminently proper that they should have had a voice. The kind intentions of those who took the affairs of the Diocese of Alabama into their guidance are beyond a question; but it is necessary, in order to put the whole matter clearly before the Church, for me to state that my name came before the General Convention neither by the authorization of the Diocese nor myself.

The consideration of the subject ended in a vote, assenting to the jurisdiction of the Bishop of Alabama upon certain conditions annexed—in themselves reasonable and proper. Those conditions were, that evidence of Consecration should be furnished, and that a "declaration of conformity to the Constitution and Canons of the Church in the United States" should be made. Those conditions, in the event of the Diocese of Alabama coming again into union with the Church in the United States, were reasonable and necessary. I deem it proper to state, however, that there was, coupled with the assent of the House of Bishops, a certain expression of "fraternal regrets," which, to say the least, is unusual and of questionable propriety. It has been a matter of some doubt with me as to the light in which this unusual coupling of "regrets" with the assent to the jurisdiction of a Bishop should be regarded. Inasmuch as the pastoral, in regard to certain positions in which these regrets were expressed, was issued to me whilst I was a foreign Bishop, and not bound in fact or by "declaration" to conform to the Constitution and Canons of the Church in the United States, I cannot consider myself as properly amenable to the judgment of said Church; yet, notwithstanding these obvious considerations, there were some, both in and out of the General Convention, who regarded this expression of regrets on the part of the House of Bishops in the light of a censure upon my official conduct. This construction cannot properly be given to their action, without the supposition of their having so far departed from ecclesiastical propriety as to pass a vote of censure upon the official action of a Bishop who was not a member of their body, and who was not, therefore, properly amenable to their judgment in the premises. If the other theory be taken, that he was properly amenable, then the supposition involves an equally serious departure from ecclesiastical usage, in passing judgment upon one who did not enjoy the privilege of a full hearing before sentence was passed. It would then reflect very seriously upon the action of a body so venerable as the House of Bishops, to suppose that the expression of "fraternal regrets" is to be viewed in the light of an official censure. It would not become myself, or the Diocese, to accept an assent qualified by an expression of official censure.

It remains, therefore, to suppose that the House of Bishops felt it incumbent upon them to express a general regret at certain positions taken by myself, lest they should appear to sanction certain views of the prayer for those in authority which I had seen fit to present. Regarding the matter in this light, it would seem that, in restoring old relations, the expression of regrets is in order; and it may not be amiss in me to state that, after careful review of the various pastorals put forth in the last unhappy years, there are very few, in which we, when we look at all that has transpired from a different stand point, have not found occasion for regrets to which we can give no adequate expression. For my

part, I can only say, and I say it merely in self-vindication, that I can recall no word that I have written to you, as your Bishop, which now, in this moment of comparative quiet, I would obliterate from the record.

I here put again upon record the expression of a sentiment which I trust some day to see embodied in the action of the General Convention. It is an extract from my Address to the Diocesan Council of Alabama in May, 1864.

“I have long entertained the opinion, and on suitable occasions have expressed it, that the regular and ordinary forms of public worship should be so entirely catholic in character as to be adapted to all the exigencies of time, place and circumstance. It seems to me most undesirable and unnecessary, to say the least, that the Book of Common Prayer should undergo a revision and reprint upon the occurrence of every political revolution. The phraseology of the prayer for our rulers, now in use, has given needless occasion of offense, even in times of high party excitement. The preface to the Book of Common Prayer declares, that in the prayers for our civil rulers, the principal care was to make them conformable to what ought to be the proper end of all such prayers, namely, that our rulers may have grace, wisdom and understanding, to execute justice and to maintain truth, and that the people may lead quiet and peaceable lives in all godliness and honesty—a phraseology, in my judgment, at once ample, minute and catholic. If such a form of prayer were introduced into the service, it would always be appropriate, and we should be spared the necessity of changing our worship with every change in the political world around us.”

But to resume. The above recited action of the General Convention had not, until very recently, been officially communicated to me. Even if it had been, I could not properly have noticed it. The Diocese of Alabama had not declared herself. She was a component part of the General Council. It was proper and necessary for me to follow my jurisdiction, and thus my action was indissolubly bound up in that of the Diocese over which I was placed.

In due course of time the General Council met in session at Augusta, Ga. During that session the whole subject of the relations of the Southern Dioceses underwent a thorough examination. The result of the deliberations of that body is given in a published report of its proceedings, and I suggest that a copy of that report be appended, with the other documents in the case, to the journal of the Diocesan Council, in order that a complete history of the whole case may be preserved.

Inasmuch as the General Council had remitted to the several Dioceses the whole question of their future ecclesiastical relations, I took immediate steps to ascertain the views of the Clergy and Laity in the Diocese as to whether they were desirous that I should call a special Council, or should await the next annual session thereof. Accordingly, I wrote to the Clergy and to sundry of the Laity, and endeavored to elicit from them an expression of sentiment in regard to the whole matter, and particularly with reference to the course proper to be pursued, in order to extricate the Diocese from the military duress under which her Bishop and Clergy were held.

I stated that there were three courses open to the Diocese.

First, to yield to the military orders, and that this course was not for a moment to be entertained by me, and that if the Diocese wished to pursue this course, (which I did not for a moment suppose,) I should resign the helm and vacate jurisdiction.

The second course was to quietly await such a restoration of civil authority as would of itself throw off the military assumption.

The third course was to ignore altogether the fact of any military interference, and rising superior to all secular considerations, to meet in Council, if practicable, and to put the Church in that attitude in regard to ecclesiastical relations, which, after due deliberation, she had resolved upon.

At the same time, also, I convened a number of influential Laymen from the various Churches in Mobile, and spread the whole case before them, asking them to give me their judgment in the premises. The following was the result of that meeting:

MOBILE, Dec. 9th, 1865.

At a meeting of a number of the Laity of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Mobile, held on the evening of the 8th inst., in the vestry room of Christ Church, Mobile, the following resolutions were adopted, the first unanimously, to-wit:

1. Resolved, That the Laity of the Protestant Episcopal Church who are now present, hereby fully endorse and approve the action of Bishop Wilmer in all the proceedings heretofore had by him in regard to the position of the Church in this Diocese.

2. Resolved, That the Right Reverend Bishop is hereby recommended to call a meeting of the Council of this Diocese, at such time as he shall think proper, to take into consideration the action of the late General Council at Augusta.

3. Resolved, That the President and Secretary communicate a copy of the foregoing resolutions to Bishop Wilmer.

The foregoing is a true copy of the resolutions.

JAMES BOND, Sec'y.

H. A. SCHROEDER, Chairman.

Having at length ascertained that the sense of the Diocese generally was in favor of a special meeting of the Council, provided, that it could be held without seeming to yield to secular dictation, and having received sufficient assurance that there would be a speedy revocation of the so-called military orders, I issued on the first of January, inst., a summons to the Clergy and Laity to meet in Council at St. John's, Montgomery, on the 17th inst., in order to consider the subject of the future ecclesiastical relations of the Diocese.

In the meantime I had seen the formal revocation of the "Orders" complained of, and issued the following Pastoral, which will sufficiently explain itself.

[A Pastoral Letter to the Clergy of the Diocese of Alabama.]

Rev. and Dear Brethren:—In the pastoral letter which I issued to the Clergy and Laity of the Diocese upon the occasion of the closing of the Churches by the military authorities, I stated as follows:

"Should the General Council, of which the Diocese of Alabama is a component part, order any prayer in place of that which has ceased of necessity; then, from that time forth, the ordering of the Council would be decisive as the supreme law of the Churches constituting said Council."

The said General Council, at its late session in Augusta, Ga., did provide for such prayer; and recommended that said provision should "have the force of law in any Diocese whenever approved by the Bishop or Diocesan Council" thereof.

Regarding such decision of the Council as the voice of the Church, I would have immediately seconded the ruling of the Council, but for the military duress under which the Bishop and Clergy of the Diocese of Alabama were held. So great would have been the evil of yielding to secular dictation, in matters pertaining to the supremacy of the Church, that I was solicitous to avoid even the *appearance* of this evil.

I stated, in my pastoral of June 20th, that "any attempt to dictate to the Church can only serve to retard the action, which, in pursuance of her obligations to God and to her own traditions, she will unquestionably take, at the proper time and in the proper manner." It has so turned out, and the use of the prayer for the President of the United States has been, through military duress, postponed in this Diocese for the space of two months.

The recent revocation of the military "orders" renders it proper for me now to do what I could not properly have done before such revocation.

I do now, therefore, recommend that the ruling of the General Council in the premises have the force of law in the Diocese of Alabama, and the Clergy thereof are called upon, henceforth, to use the prayer for those in authority as it stands in the Book of Common Prayer.

RICHARD H. WILMER,

Mobile, Ala., Jan. 13, 1866.

Bishop of the Diocese of Ala.

I was as solicitous to prove to the Church that the voice of the Church was decisive in all matters pertaining to doctrine, discipline and worship, as I was

resolute to make it manifest that no secular power has authority in the Church of God, and, therefore, did not delay to issue those orders which gave to the decree of the General Council the force of law in the Diocese of Alabama.

It has so turned out, in God's good providence, that all the conditions stated by myself as properly preliminary to the use of the prayer for those in authority have been fulfilled. There has been such a restoration of civil authority as to place over the good people of our commonwealth a Governor and Legislature of their own election. The General Council has taken order in regard to the prayer proper to be used for those in authority; and the Church, guided solely by her sense of right and expediency, has formally acceded to the Constitution of the Church in the United States; recognizing, thereby, hereafter the authority of the Constitution and Canons of said Church, and pledging herself to a faithful conformity thereto.

It now becomes my duty, following my jurisdiction, to make the "declaration of conformity" to the Constitution and Canons of the Church in the United States. I shall, therefore, without unnecessary delay proceed to make, before the Presiding Bishop of that body and such other two Bishops as he may elect, said declaration; and from that time forth, the Constitution and Canons of the General Convention shall be my rule of action, as the Constitution and Canons of the General Council have been up to this moment of time. We have reason to thank God that no note of un-catholic discord has ever disturbed the harmony of the General Council, and to pray most devoutly that no Erastian or secular spirit shall be able to lift up its intrusive head in the halls of the General Convention.

Thus happily, as I think, the Church in Alabama has been able, through God's grace and kind providence, to do her full duty, and to maintain her dignity and propriety; and looking alone to the weal of the whole body of Christ, to pursue a steady and consistent course. Henceforward, guided by the same spirit which has thus far led us and governed all our deliberations, let us more than ever strive for those things which concern the glory of God and the good of His Church.

The indications are, that there is a glorious future for this Branch of Christ's universal Church. We are able to show to the world that we are not a sect, much less a sectional sect; that the catholic spirit of the Southern Dioceses has met with a like response in the catholic spirit of the Northern Dioceses—"deep calling unto deep"—giving us confidence that henceforth, as ever before, no political differences shall prevail to break the bonds of catholic unity and of Heaven-born charity.

At the conclusion of this address the Bishop called the Rev. Dr. PIERCE to the chair. The address was, on motion, referred to a Committee of three Clergymen and three Laymen, consisting of Rev. Messrs. TICKNOR, JARRATT and STICKNEY, and Messrs. PHELAN, BOND and DAWSON, with instructions to report after service to-night.

On motion, the Council adjourned until after Evening Service.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, MONTGOMERY, }
 Wednesday, 9½ o'clock, P. M. }

The Council met pursuant to adjournment, the Rev. Dr. PIERCE in the chair. The Committee on the Bishop's Address presented the following resolutions:

Resolved, 1st. That the firm, dignified and christian manner in which the independence and dignity of the Church in this Diocese have been maintained by its Bishop, the Rt. Rev. RICHARD H. WILMER, D. D., during the trying ordeal of the last year, has elicited our admiration and deserves our cordial thanks.

Resolved, 2d. That the explanation and defense of his course, as set forth in the address to this Council, place his conduct on ground that must challenge the assent and approbation of all just and thoughtful men.

Resolved, 3d. That the Bishop be requested to furnish a copy of his address for publication.

J. H. TICKNOR,
J. S. JARRATT,
W. A. STICKNEY, } Of the Clergy.

JNO. D. PHELAN,
JAMES BOND,
N. H. R. DAWSON, } Of the Laity.

These resolutions, on motion, were considered *seriatim*, and unanimously adopted.

The following resolution was offered and, on motion, adopted :

WHEREAS, The Diocese heretofore appropriated an annuity for the support and maintenance of Mrs. L. L. COBBS, the widow of our late beloved Diocesan, the Rt. Rev. N. H. COBBS; And whereas, from the condition of the country, no provision was made to meet said annuity during the last year: Therefore,

Be it Resolved, That the Treasurer of the Diocese be, and is hereby, instructed to solicit contributions from the Parishes for the purpose aforesaid.

On motion, it was *Resolved*, That the proceedings of this Council, and of the last one, be printed with the proceedings of the Council to be held next Spring.

On motion, the thanks of the Council were tendered to the citizens of Montgomery for their hospitality.

After appropriate Prayers, and Benediction by the Rt. Rev. President, the Council adjourned *sine die*.

RICHARD H. WILMER, President.

R. H. COBBS, Secretary.

APPENDIX A.

PASTORAL LETTER

TO THE CLERGY AND LAITY OF THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN THE DIOCESE OF ALABAMA.

On the 30th of May last, I addressed a brief Circular to the Clergy, suggesting the principles which, in my judgment, should govern them in their official conduct under the present condition of affairs. I deem it advisable at this time to set forth, in a more formal and public manner, a somewhat expanded statement of the views contained in the Circular referred to.

The lapse of the Confederate Government does not necessarily involve the disorganization of the General Council of the Church within the limits of that Government. The nationality of a Church is a matter purely conventional, and of human arrangement. It is assuredly possible for two Church organizations to exist under one common civil government, without violating the unity of the Church. There is an essential difference between the *unity* of branches of the Church and their *union* in one legislative body. For example, the Church in England is in perfect unity with the Church in the United States; but there is no legislative union between these Churches. Again, (and this is a case more nearly in point,) the Church in Scotland is in unity with the Church in England, and yet they exist as distinct organizations under a common civil government. Consequently, no charge of schism can justly lie against the Church in

the Southern States in case she should see fit to perpetuate herself through a separate organization. She does not thereby necessarily depart from the unity of the Church in doctrine, discipline or order. Therefore, it may or may not, as circumstances may indicate, be advisable and expedient to dissolve the General Council. This is a question for future ecclesiastical determination.

As to the changes in the language of certain prayers, which are made necessary by late political events, I observe that the lapse of the Confederate Government requires, of necessity, the omission of the "Prayer for the President of the Confederate States and all in civil authority."

The immediate substitution of another form of prayer does not follow of the same necessity, as will appear from the following considerations:

To pray for all in authority is, unquestionably, a duty, but a duty of religious, and not of political, origin and obligation. The mode of discharging that duty must be determined by the proper ecclesiastical authority. Consequently, any attempt on the part of a civil or military power to dictate to the Church in this matter, cannot but be regarded as unauthorized and intrusive. Certain tests of loyalty have been established by authority; and they who faithfully conform to these tests have fulfilled the requirements of the law, and have a right, in equity and under the Constitution of the country, to manage their ecclesiastical affairs according to their own discretion. The Church has due regard to established authority, and is not to be presumed regardless of her sacred obligations. She must be left free and untrammelled in her legitimate sphere of action. Any attempt to dictate to her can only serve to retard the action, which in pursuance of her obligations to God and to her own traditions, she will unquestionably take at the proper time and in the proper manner.

Now, the Church in this country has established a form of prayer for the President and all in Civil Authority. The language of that prayer was selected with careful reference to the subject of the prayer—"*All in Civil Authority*"; and she desires for that authority prosperity and long continuance. No one can reasonably be expected to desire a long continuance of *military rule*. Therefore, the prayer is altogether inappropriate and inapplicable to the present condition of things, when no civil authority exists in the exercise of its functions. Hence, as I remarked in the Circular, "we may yield a true allegiance to and sincerely pray for grace, wisdom and understanding in behalf of a government founded upon force, while at the same time we could not in good conscience ask for its continuance, prosperity," &c., &c.

When the Civil Authority shall be restored, it will be eminently proper for the Church to resume the use of that form of prayer which has been established by the highest ecclesiastical authorities, and which has for so many years constituted a part of her Liturgy.

You are aware that in times past, I have expressed a strong desire "that the regular and ordinary forms of public worship should be so entirely catholic in character as to be adapted to all the exigencies of time, place and circumstance," and that I urged this matter upon the attention of our Diocesan Council in 1864, with a view to action at the approaching General Council. I still entertain the preference which I then expressed, but it is not for me, in my individual capacity, to introduce into the Liturgy any other form of words than that which the Church, in her collective and legislative capacity, has already established.

My conclusion is, therefore, and my direction, which I hereby give, that when Civil Authority shall be restored in the State of Alabama, the Clergy shall use the form entitled "A Prayer for the President of the United States and all in Civil Authority," as it stands in the Book of Common Prayer.

And my counsel to the Clergy and Laity is, to heed the teachings of the Church in regard to the scriptural obedience due to "the powers that be;" and, whilst carefully maintaining the inherent prerogatives of the Church within her sphere, faithfully to discharge their duties to the State; thus fulfilling the injunction of our Lord;—"Render unto Cæsar the things that are Cæsar's, and unto God the things that are God's."

The doctrine of the Church upon this point is briefly, but most comprehensively, summed up in her 37th Article of Religion: "The Power of the Civil Magistrate extendeth to all men, as well Clergy as Laity, in all things temporal:

but hath no authority in things purely spiritual. And we hold it to be the duty of all men who are professors of the Gospel, to pay respectful obedience to the Civil authority, regularly and legitimately constituted."

In regard to the taking of oaths:—it is beyond all question the duty of every citizen to render faithful allegiance to the government under which he lives, and an oath of fidelity to the government is only the formal and solemn acknowledgement and expression of an already existing obligation. If, therefore, the oath of allegiance should be lawfully required of all citizens, there is no good reason why such oaths should not be taken; provided, that all things be done (see 39th Article) "in justice, judgment and truth." All false swearing is an abomination.

And now, brethren, commending you to the guidance and protection of God, and earnestly praying that all things may be ordered to the advancement of His glory, the good of His Church, and the safety, honor and welfare of His people, I am yours faithfully in Christ and His Church.

Greensboro', Ala., June 20, 1865.

RICH'D H. WILMER,
Bishop of the Diocese of Alabama.

APPENDIX B.

A PASTORAL LETTER

TO THE CLERGY AND LAITY OF THE DIOCESE OF ALABAMA.

TO BE READ IN ALL THE CHURCHES.

DEARLY BELOVED BRETHREN:

You will have seen, in the papers of the day, the "General Orders" from the Commander of the Department of Alabama, in relation to the Bishop and Clergy of the Diocese of Alabama.

In order to satisfy my own mind as to the scope and intent of the said "General Orders," I addressed to the Commanding Officer a note, of which the following is a copy:

*To Maj. Gen. Chas. R. Woods,
Head Qrs. Dept. of Ala.:*

MOBILE, Sept. 22, 1865.

DEAR SIR: I see in the morning papers of this city, an order, issued under your authority, forbidding the Bishop of Alabama and his Clergy to "preach or perform Divine Service," etc.

The object of this note is to inquire if it is your purpose, by the intervention of a military force, to obstruct me, or any of my Clergy, in the performance of ministerial duties.

I do not, for a moment, recognize the right of any Civil or Military Officer to dictate to me in the performance of my duty in the Church of God. At the same time, I have neither the wish, nor the power to resist a military force.

The expression, on your part, of a determination to oppose the celebration of Divine Service by force of arms, will be regarded by me as equivalent to a forcible ejection from the precincts of the Sanctuary.

In making the above inquiry, I wish clearly to define my position.

I have issued a Pastoral, (a part only of which is quoted in your "General Orders") to the Clergy and Laity of the Diocese of Alabama. The positions therein stated were taken with great deliberation, and I see no cause, and can

see no cause, other than the intervention of a higher Ecclesiastical authority, to re-consider them.

Standing upon the provisions of the Constitution which I have sworn "faithfully to defend," and also, upon the inherent independence and supremacy of the Church, (in all matters pertaining to her doctrine, discipline and worship,) to which alone I hold myself answerable for any alleged violation of the laws and usages; and which alone, as I maintain, has the right to suspend the exercise of Episcopal and Ministerial functions—I do most respectfully, but most firmly, enter my solemn protest against the interference expressed in your "General Orders."

Will you do me the favor to reply to this at your earliest convenience.

Yours, respectfully.

RICHARD H. WILMER,
Bishop of Alabama

In reply, the General Commanding stated that he would, if necessary, use military force in closing the Churches.

It will thus appear, that the Bishop and Clergy of this Diocese are arraigned and condemned before the community in which they reside, as "disloyal and factious" persons, and that, without a trial, or citation, even before a military commission, they are ordered to be suspended from Ministerial functions; and that they are thus prevented, by military force, from celebrating Divine Service in their Churches.

It does not become me to enter into any argument with the Military Authorities upon the merits of the case. It may fairly be presumed that, in all things pertaining to the "Honor of the Church," her Bishops and Clergy are better informed, and more deeply concerned than all other persons. Besides, I could not enter into the discussion of this question with any Secular Power, without appearing to recognize its right to make inquisition into matters Ecclesiastical. For, as I showed in my first Pastoral, the obligation to pray at all is a matter of religious, and not of political origin. And it is obvious, at the first glance, that if the Secular Authority be allowed to prescribe, in one iota, in regard to the worship of the Church, there is no assignable limit to its possible usurpations of prerogative.

It does become me, however, to lay this matter before you, the Clergy and Laity of the Diocese, and you have a right to know from your Bishop, how the case stands in its Ecclesiastical aspects, and to seek guidance and counsel from him in the present emergency.

A brief exhibition of the Ecclesiastical Status of the Diocese of Alabama will enable you, at a glance, to detect the misapprehension of facts under which the "General Orders" referred to, were dictated; and will serve to vindicate you, as Churchmen, in pursuing the course of action recommended in this Pastoral.

The "Orders" charge us with a violation of the Canons of the Church, and from this alleged violation they argue an animus; upon the strength of which they are issued.

Now, to say nothing of the incongruity involved in such a procedure on the part of the Military Authorities towards the Church, it will be sufficient for my present purpose to state, and that for your satisfaction, that there is no Canon, of the Church of which we are members, that requires us to use the Prayer "ordered." On the contrary, the requirement of the "General Council," (as yet unrepealed, because there has been no recent session of that Body,) is to use another Prayer, which Prayer has ceased of necessity.

Now, the Diocese of Alabama is a component part of the "General Council," and I, as Bishop of the Diocese, have never made any "Declaration of Conformity," save that which binds me to the observance of the Constitution and Canons of the said "General Council."

Thus it will appear that, in ordering the resumption of the Prayer for the "President of the United States and all in Civil Authority," (upon the restoration of Civil Authority,) I was anticipating the probable action of the "General Council," and exercising a very questionable power, but justifiable, as I thought, because done with the view of bringing the Diocese, as soon as possible, into

entire harmony, in point of worship, with the Church generally. This condition of things is well understood by all well informed Churchmen, but there may be many among you who need the information given. The above recited facts were not, it may be reasonably presumed, before the mind of the Military Authorities; and the present case stands, therefore, as one among many other illustrations of the injustice which may sometimes be done when parties are condemned, without trial, by a tribunal unacquainted with all the facts embraced, and with the complex bearing of those facts, to say nothing of the serious consequences likely to result from the assumption of jurisdiction in matters Ecclesiastical.

It would be superfluous to go at length into the argument with you. The argument is sufficiently stated in my Pastoral of June 20th. The course of events has, as I conceive, amply justified the positions therein maintained. Suffice it to say, that the Church has, in her 87th article, fully declared herself in regard to the obedience which is due from her children to the Civil Authority "legitimately and regularly constituted," and has, as I think, framed the particular Prayer in question with especial and marked reference to the *Civil Authority* described in her articles. She teaches, from Holy Scripture, the duty of obedience to the "powers that be," of all kinds whatever, and she prays in the Litany and elsewhere, for all "Christian Rulers and Magistrates," but this particular Prayer, as its history will show, was specially prepared for, and is therefore only applicable to, the kind of authority described in her article—where it reads as follows:

Of the Power of the Civil Magistrate, (Art. 37.)

"The Power of the Civil Magistrate extendeth to all men, as well Clergy as Laity, in all things temporal; but hath no authority in things purely spiritual. And we hold it to be the duty of all professors of the Gospel, to pay respect and obedience to the Civil Authority regularly and legitimately constituted."

I have been anxiously looking for such a restoration of the Civil Authority as existed when the Prayer in question was first established by the Church. The present attitude of affairs, when a Bishop and his Clergy are counselled as to their official duty, and are ordered to be suspended from their functions by Military Authorities, afford the most ample proof—whatever doubts may have hitherto existed—that Civil Authority is not restored to the State of Alabama, and that the Constitution of the country, which guarantees to all citizens a "free exercise of Religion," is not in force as the Civil Law supreme.

If we are citizens indeed, we throw ourselves upon the protection of the Constitution which we have sworn "faithfully to defend." If we are not citizens indeed, then there can be no propriety in our using the Prayer in question.

The issue raised is not one of loyalty. I have, in my Pastoral, counselled you to be loyal, and to take in good faith the Oath of Allegiance, and have set you the example by taking it myself. No one can properly and fairly charge disloyalty upon us who have taken the required test, and live daily in obedience to the law. Nor is the issue one of personal feeling towards him who fills the Presidential chair; for the Church would fain that every one might, through God's Grace and Holy Spirit, attain "unto everlasting joy and felicity." The Church uses the "Prayer for the President," not so much as a *person*, as an *personation* of the Civil Authority. The use of the Prayer, under the present condition of things, involves the point of congruity and fitness; and is, therefore, a question for ecclesiastical discretion.

Should the "General Council," of which the Diocese of Alabama is a component part, order any Prayer in place of that which has ceased of necessity, then, from that time forth, the ordering of the Council would be decisive as the supreme law of the Churches constituting said Council. Or, should the General Council be dissolved, and the Diocese of Alabama come again into Union with the General Convention, then the ruling of that body, in the premises, would be equally decisive. But, let it not be said that the Church in Alabama looked to any other than an Ecclesiastical Authority for guidance in worship, or that she was ever frightened from her propriety by the dictation or menaces of any Secular Power, Civil or Military. Let the Clergy await official notice.

tion from the Ecclesiastical Authority ; for in this way only can uniformity and harmony be preserved.

The case stands thus:—

In the exercise of my Episcopal discretion, to which I am left by the absence of any authoritative Church legislation, I have decided that "The Prayer" is inapplicable to the existing condition of things. On the other hand, the Military Authorities issue "Orders" that it shall be used at once, and that all the Churches shall be closed until we accede to the demand. Thus the *real issue* before us is this:—Shall the Secular or the Ecclesiastical power regulate the worship of the Church? In this conflict of powers—both "ordained of God" in their respective spheres—the Church labors, for the moment, under serious disadvantages ; for we have neither the wish nor the power to oppose force by force. But we must be careful to make it evident that, whilst we yield to military force, in the matter of closing our houses of worship, we concede nothing of Church Prerogative to Secular Authority, Civil or Military. A higher than any earthly "Order" comes in here to claim and control our obedience. The Principalities of this world can neither ordain the Clergy, nor suspend them. In matters pertaining to His Kingdom, we must, in accordance with the teaching of an Apostle, "Obey God rather than men." Think, for a moment, that an officer of the army undertakes to do in regard to the Church—by shutting up the sanctuaries of a whole Diocese—what "the General Council" of said Church would not dare to do.

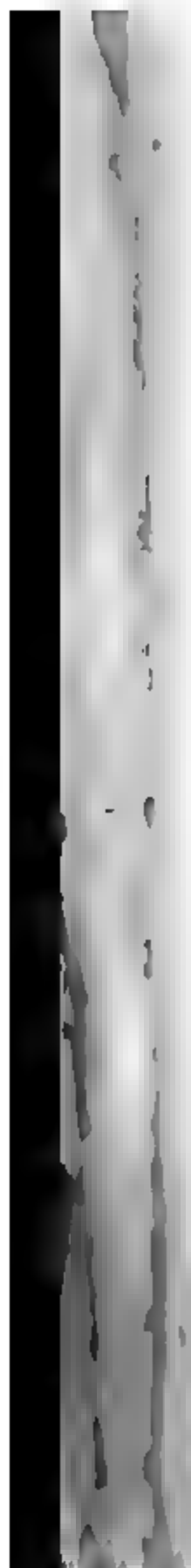
I counsel you, beloved brethren of the Clergy and Laity, in the Name of God, and for the Honor of his Church, to stand up for and to maintain, at whatever cost, the real issue now before us. Be assured, that man has no nobler mission than to defend, and if need be to suffer for, the right. Remember that the communications with God's mercy seat cannot be obstructed by any created power, and that the compensation of Divine Goodness will supply all our needs, through the riches of His Grace in Christ Jesus, our only Lord and Master.

Yours faithfully in the Church of God,

RICHARD H. WILMER,

Mobile, Ala., Sept, 28, 1865.

Bishop of the Diocese of Alabama.



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HELD IN ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, MONTGOMERY,

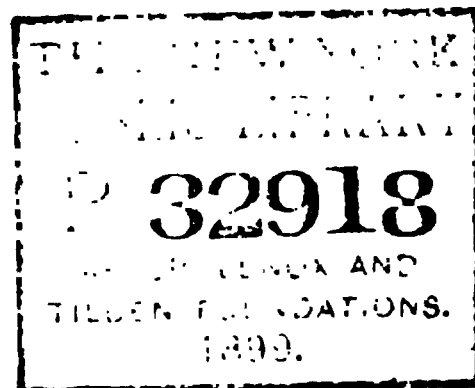
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| Rt. Rev. *RICHARD H. WILMER, D. D., | Mobile. |
| Rev. J. M. BANISTER, Church of the Nativity, | Huntsville. |
| " T. J. BEARD, St. James' Church, | Eufaula. |
| " *R. A. COBBS, Rector of Church Home School, | Mobile. |
| " *R. H. COBBS, St. Paul's Church, | Greensboro'. |
| " †THOMAS A. COOK, | Talladega. |
| " F. W. DAMUS, Missionary at Whistler, | Mobile. |
| " *†JOHN D. EASTER, Christ Church, | Tuskaloosa. |
| " J. B. GRAY, Deacon, | Officiating at Tuscumbia. |
| " *J. Y. GHOLSON, St. Michael's Church, Marengo County, | Faunsdale. |
| " *F. R. HANSON, St. Andrew's Church, | Macon. |
| " *JAMES S. JARRATT, | Officiating at Greenville. |
| " F. B. LEE, St. Paul's Church, | Carlowville. |
| " †ED. MACCLURE, | Greensboro'. |
| " *J. A. MASSEY, D. D., Trinity Church, | Mobile. |
| " A. MANÆOS, St. John's Church, in the Prairies, | Greensboro'. |
| " *JOHN M. MITCHELL, St. John's Church, | Montgomery. |
| " *†B. F. MOWER, Missionary at Opelika, &c., &c., | Opelika. |
| " R. D. NEVIUS, | On duty abroad. |
| " *WM. M. PETTIS, Deacon, | Officiating at Tallasee. |
| " *W. J. PERDUE, St. Mary's Church, | Camden. |
| " H. N. PIERCE, D. D., St. John's Church, | Mobile. |
| " †S. F. PHILIPS, | Residing in Maryland. |
| " †J. B. RAMSDELL, | Residence unknown. |
| " †J. M. ROBERTSON, | Huntsville. |
| " S. U. SMITH, St. Mark's Church, Fork of Greene, | Eutaw. |
| " *J. F. SMITH, St. Mathew's Church, Autaugaville, | Lowndesboro'. |
| " *W. A. STICKNEY, | Missionary at Faunsdale. |
| " *J. H. TICKNOR, Church of the Holy Comforter, | Montgomery. |
| " *J. C. WADDILL, St. Peter's Church, Lowndes County, | Benton. |
| " †GEORGE T. WILMER, D. D., Christ Church, | Mobile. |

Those marked thus (*) were in attendance.

Those marked thus (†) were not entitled to seats.

List of Lay Deputies.

St. John's Church, Montgomery.

*A. R. BELL,
P. T. SAYRE,

*H. P. LEFEBRE.

*T. B. TAYLOR,
*J. D. PHELAN.

Christ Church, Mobile.

H. A. SCHROEDER,
R. H. SMITH,

F. B. CLARK.

R. LEE FEARN,
*GEO. CLEVELAND, JR.

St. Paul's Church, Greensboro'.

C. L. STICKNEY,
H. TINKER,

A. BENNETT.

A. S. NELSON,
R. B. WALLER,

Trinity Church, Mobile.

B. A. WHITAKER,
W. G. JONES,

G. JORDAN, JR.

S. W. CAYCE,
M. H. BLOODGOOD,

St. Michael's Church, Marengo County.

F. W. HALL.

Church of the Holy Comforter, Montgomery.

*S. G. JONES.

*J. W. SHEPHERD.

St. Paul's Church, Selma.

*C. D. PARKE,
*I. MORGAN,

N. H. R. DAWSON,
J. W. BLANDIN.

Church of the Holy Cross, Uniontown.

*EDWIN SHEILD.

JOS. SELDEN.

St. David's Church, Dallas County.

*JNO. A. ELLERBE.

Christ Church, Tallapoosa.

*W. H. BEATTY.

St. Mathew's Church, Autaugaville.

*L. M. WHETSTONE.

St. Thomas' Church, Greenville.

*W. SEAWELL,
S. M. LANIER,

*H. A. HERBERT,
H. PIERCE.

Those marked thus (*) were in attendance.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE CONVENTION.

St. JOHN'S CHURCH, MONTGOMERY, }
Wednesday, May 2d, 1866. }

This being the day appointed for the meeting of the Thirty-Fifth Annual Convention of the Diocese of Alabama, the Clergy and Laity assembled in St. John's Church, Montgomery. Divine Service commenced at 10 o'clock, A. M. Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. Mr. HANSON, Rev. Dr. EASTER and Rev. Mr. JOPE; and the ante-Communion Service by the Rt. Rev. Bishop WILMER and the Rev. Mr. GHOLSON. The Sermon was preached by the Rev. J. S. JARRATT, from St. Luke, 20th chapter, 25th verse:

"Render, therefore, unto Caesar the things that be Caesar's,
and unto God the things that be God's."

The Holy Communion was administered by the Bishop, assisted by Rev. Mr. MITCHELL.

After the Benediction, the Convention was called to order by the Rt. Rev. R. H. WILMER, D. D., who presented the following list of the Clergy entitled to seats in the Convention:

Rt. Rev. R. H. WILMER, D. D.

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| Rev. J. M. BANISTER, | Rev. T. J. BEARD, |
| " R. A. COBBS, | " R. H. COBBS, |
| " F. W. DAMUS, | " J. B. GRAY, Deacon, |
| " J. Y. GHOLSON, | " F. R. HANSON, |
| " J. S. JARRATT, | " F. B. LEE, |
| " J. A. MASSEY, D. D., | " A. MENÆOS, |
| " J. M. MITCHELL, | " R. D. NEVIUS, |
| " W. M. PETTIS, Deacon, | " W. J. PERDUE, |
| " H. N. PIERCE, D. D., | " S. U. SMITH, |
| " J. F. SMITH, | " W. A. STICKNEY, |
| " J. H. TICKNOR, | " J. C. WADDILL. |

Rev. R. H. COBBS was appointed Secretary, *pro tem*.

The above list was then called, and the following Clergymen answered to their names:

Rt. Rev. R. H. WILMER, D. D.

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| Rev. R. A. COBBS, | Rev. R. H. COBBS, |
| " J. Y. GHOLSON, | " F. R. HANSON, |
| " J. S. JARRATT, | " J. M. MITCHELL, |
| " W. M. PETTIS, | " W. J. PERDUE, |
| " J. F. SMITH, | " J. H. TICKNOR, |

Rev. J. C. WADDILL.

The list of Parishes was then called, and Certificates of Election were presented and referred to a Committee on Certificates of Election, consisting of Rev. Messrs. R. A. COBBS, J. H. TICKNOR and W. J. PERDUM.

This Committee having examined the same, reported them in due form, and the following Lay Deputies entitled to seats in the Convention :

St. John's Church, Montgomery.—Thos. B. Taylor, J. D. Phelan, A. R. Bell, P. T. Sayre, H. P. Lefebvre.

Christ Church, Mobile.—H. A. Schroeder, R. H. Smith, R. Lee Fearn, Geo. Cleveland, F. B. Clark.

St. Paul's Church, Greensboro'.—C. L. Stickney, H. Tinker, A. S. Nelson, R. B. Waller, A. Benner.

Trinity Church, Mobile.—B. A. Whitaker, W. G. Jones, S. W. Cayce, M. H. Bloodgood, G. Jordan, Jr.

St. Michael's Church, Marengo County.—F. W. Hall.

Church of the Holy Comforter, Montgomery.—S. G. Jones, J. W. Shepherd.

Their names being called, the following gentlemen were found to be present:

Messrs. PHELAN,
BELL,
LEFEBRE,

Messrs. JONES,
SHEPHERD.

There being Lay Delegates from only two Parishes, the President announced that a quorum was not present, and, on motion, the Convention adjourned until to-morrow (Thursday) at 9 o'clock, A. M.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, MONTGOMERY, }
Thursday May 8d, 9 o'clock, A. M. }

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the Bishop. The list of the Clergy was then called, when the Rev. J. A. MASSEY, D. D., and the Rev. W. A. STICKNEY, in addition to those who were present yesterday, appeared and took their seats. Mr. GEO. CLEVELAND, a Lay Delegate from Christ Church, Mobile, also appeared and took his seat.

Certificates of Election of Lay Deputies were then presented from the following Parishes, viz: St. Paul's Church, Selma, Church of the Holy Cross, Uniontown, St. Matthew's Church, Autaugaville, St. David's Church, Dallas County, and Christ Church, Tuscaloosa, which were referred to the Committee on Credentials, who reported them to be in order, and the following persons duly elected:

St. Paul's Church, Selma.—C. D. Parke, N. H. R. Dawson, I. Morgan, J. W. Blandin.

Church of the Holy Cross, Uniontown.—Edwin Sheild, Joseph Selden.

St. Matthew's Church, Autaugaville.—L. M. Whetstone.

St. David's Church, Dallas County.—Jno. A. Ellerbe.

Christ Church, Tuscaloosa.—W. H. Beatty.

Their names having been called, the following answered and took their seats:

Messrs. PARKE,
MORGAN,
SHEILD,

Messrs. WHETSTONE,
ELLERBE,
BEATTY.

The Bishop then declared the Convention duly organized.

The election of a Secretary being the next business in order, the Rev. R. A. COBBS was nominated and elected to that office.

On motion, the Rules of Order were suspended, and the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That all Clergymen canonically connected with this Diocese, but not entitled to seats in this Convention, visiting Clergymen from other Dioceses, and Candidates for Orders, be invited to take seats in this Convention, and report their names to the Secretary.

Whereupon, the Rev. J. D. EASTER, M. D., Rector of Christ Church, Tuska-loosa, reported his name and took his seat.

Applications for the admission of New Parishes being next in order, an application was presented by the Rev. Mr. JARRATT in behalf of St. Thomas' Church, Greenville, which having been read and found to be in order, said Parish was, on motion, unanimously admitted into union with the Convention.

The Certificate of the Lay Delegates from St. Thomas' Church, Greenville, was then handed in and referred to the appropriate Committee, who reported the same in due form and the following persons entitled to seats, viz:

Messrs. WM. SEAWELL,
H. PIERCE,

Messrs. S. M. LANIER,
H. A. HERBERT.

Their names having been called, H. A. HERBERT answered and took his seat.

On motion, the Rules of Order were suspended in order to entertain the subject of electing a Treasurer of the Diocese, and the Rev. R. A. COBBS was nominated and duly elected to that office.

The Secretary having asked and obtained permission to appoint an assistant, nominated the Rev. R. H. COBBS to that office.

The following Standing Committees were then appointed:

Committee on the State of the Church.—Rev. Messrs. F. R. HANSON, J. A. MASSEY, D. D., J. F. SMITH, W. J. PERDUE, J. S. JARRATT, W. A. STICKNEY.

Committee on Canons.—Rev. Messrs. J. M. MITCHELL, J. H. TICKNOR, J. Y. GHOLSON, of the Clergy; and Messrs. J. D. PHELAN, H. A. HERBERT, C. D. PARKE, of the Laity.

Committee on Finance.—Messrs. BELL, WHETSTONE, MORGAN, BEATTY, CLEVELAND and SHEILD.

Committee on Unfinished Business.—Rev. R. H. COBBS and Rev. W. M. PETTIS.

The Annual Report of the Standing Committee of the Diocese was then read by the Secretary, Rev. W. A. STICKNEY, and was accepted.

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

Since the Council of May, 1865, testimonials have been signed in behalf of SAMUEL C. DONALSON and JAMES E. POINDEXTER, recommending them to the Bishop to be received as Candidates for Holy Orders; of the Rev. Messrs. A. GORDON BAKEWELL, J. B. GRAY and W. D. CHRISTIAN, recommending them to the sacred Order of Priests; and of W. M. PETTIS for ordination to the Diaconate.

W. A. STICKNEY, Secretary.

The Bishop then proceeded to read his Annual Address, as follows:

BISHOP'S ADDRESS.

1865.—May 3d. On this day was held the session of the Annual Council of the Diocese. The place of meeting had been appointed at Mobile, but the threatening condition of affairs rendered it proper to select some other point, and, accordingly, I had changed the place to Greensboro'. After a sermon by the Rev. JOHN Y. GHOLSON, I celebrated the Holy Communion.

May 5th. Officiated at the funeral of Judge Jno. E. MOORE, of Florence, Ala.

May 7th. (8d Sunday after Easter.) Officiated in St. Paul's Church, Greensboro', and admitted to the Order of the Priesthood the Rev. Messrs. A. G. BAKEWELL and A. F. DOBB; the Rev. Messrs. HANSON, NEVIUS and R. H. COBBS.

uniting in the imposition of hands. The sermon was preached by myself. In the afternoon, after a sermon by the Rev. F. R. HANSON, confirmed six persons.

May 14th. (4th Sunday after Easter.) Preached at St. Michael's Church, Marengo County, and confirmed one person. In the afternoon of same day, preached and confirmed in Faunsdale Chapel twelve persons.

May 21st. (5th Sunday after Easter.) Preached in St. Paul's Church, Greensboro'.

June 4th. (Whitsunday.) Preached in the Church of the Holy Cross, Uniontown; confirmed three persons, and celebrated the Holy Communion.

June 6th. (Tuesday in Whitsun Week.) Baptised the infant son of the Rector of St. Paul's Church, Greensboro'.

June 11th. (Trinity Sunday.) Preached in Trinity Church, Mobile.

June 17th. Preached in same Church, and confirmed four persons.

June 18th. (1st Sunday after Trinity.) Preached in Christ Church, Mobile, and confirmed eleven persons. In the afternoon, preached in St. John's Church, Mobile, and confirmed twenty-three persons.

June 23d. I issued a Pastoral to the Clergy and Laity of the Diocese. [See Appendix A of the Journal.]

June 25. (2d Sunday after Trinity.) Preached in Trinity Church, Demopolis.

June 30th. Confirmed one person in St. Paul's Church, Greensboro'.

July 2d. (3d Sunday after Trinity.) Preached in St. Paul's Church, Greensboro', and celebrated the Holy Communion.

July 9th. (4th Sunday after Trinity.) Preached in Trinity Church, Mobile.

July 14th. Confirmed one person in Christ Church, Mobile.

July 16th. (5th Sunday after Trinity.) Preached in St. Paul's Church, Spring Hill.

July 23d. (6th Sunday after Trinity.) Preached in Christ Church, Mobile.

July 26th. Confirmed one person in Trinity Church, Mobile.

July 30th. (7th Sunday after Trinity.) Preached in St. Paul's Church, Spring Hill.

Aug. 6th. (8th Sunday after Trinity.) Preached in St. John's Church, Mobile, in the morning, and in St. Paul's Church, Spring Hill, in the afternoon.

Aug. 13th. (9th Sunday after Trinity.) Preached in Christ Church, Mobile.

Aug. 14th. Admitted (by request of the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese of Louisiana,) the Rev. CHARLES W. HILTON to the Priesthood; candidate presented by the Rev. Dr. MASSEY, who, with Dr. PIERCE, united in the imposition of hands; sermon by myself.

Aug. 20th. (10th Sunday after Trinity.) Preached in Christ Church, Mobile.

Aug. 25th. Baptised an infant.

Aug. 27th. (11th Sunday after Trinity.) Preached in Christ Church, Mobile.

Sept. 3d. (12th Sunday after Trinity.) Preached in Christ Church, Mobile, and celebrated the Holy Communion.

Sept. 17th. (14th Sunday after Trinity.) Preached in Christ Church, Mobile.

Sept. 20th. In Trinity Church, Mobile, after a sermon by the Rev. Dr. PIERCE, admitted WILLIAM MONTROSE PETTIS to the Diaconate.

Sept. 28th. I issued a Pastoral to the Clergy and Laity of the Diocese, on the occasion of the Churches being closed by a military force. [See Appendix B of the Journal.]

Oct. 1st. (16th Sunday after Trinity.) Celebrated Divine Service, and preached in a private house.

Oct. 4th. Administered the Holy Eucharist to a sick person in private.

Oct. 8th. (17th Sunday after Trinity.) Preached in a private house in Mississippi City.

Oct. 15th. (18th Sunday after Trinity.) Officiated in a private house.

Nov. 1st. (All Saints' Day.) Celebrated Divine Service in the Chapel of the "Church Home School"; preached and celebrated the Holy Communion. This building was purchased by me for a Church School, and is in successful operation under the Rectorship of the Rev. R. A. COBBS.

Nov. 5th. (21st Sunday after Trinity.) Attended Divine Service at Hamner Hall, Montgomery, and, after a sermon by Bishop GREEN, I addressed the congregation.

Nov. 8th. I met the Bishops and Clerical and Lay Deputies of the Southern Dioceses in "General Council," and participated in the opening services. This and the two following days were spent in attendance upon the sittings of the "Council." The result of the deliberations of that body are upon record in the published Journal, and no comment is deemed necessary at this time.

Nov. 12th. (22d Sunday after Trinity.) Preached in the Church of the Atonement, at Augusta, Georgia.

Nov. 15th. Visited Hamner Hall, Montgomery, and witnessed with pleasure its growth and prosperity. The Trustees of this institution have been so fortunate as to secure the services of Mr. LEFEBRE (late of Richmond, Va.) as Principal; and under his auspices they trust to see realized their fondest anticipations with regard to this seat of learning.

Nov. 19th. (23d Sunday after Trinity.) Preached at my own residence.

Nov. 26th. (24th Sunday after Trinity.) Preached in the Chapel of the "Church Home School."

Nov. 28th. United in Holy Matrimony JOHN S. TRIPLETT and ALBERTA STEIN.

Dec. 3d. (1st Sunday in Advent.) Preached at the Residence of the Rev. Dr. MASSEY.

Dec. 10th. (2d Sunday in Advent.) Attended Divine Service at Chapel of "Church Home School."

Dec. 23d. Confirmed three persons in Trinity Church, Mobile.

Dec. 24th. (4th Sunday in Advent.) Preached in the Chapel of the "Church Home School."

Dec. 25. (Christmas Day.) Preached and celebrated the Holy Communion at last named place.

1866.—Jan. 1st. Summoned a Special Council of the Diocese.

Jan. 7th. (1st Sunday after Epiphany.) By request of the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Louisiana, I visited New Orleans; preached in Trinity Church, and confirmed ninety-five persons; celebrating the Holy Communion.

Jan. 10th. Confirmed one person in private; candidate presented by the Rev. Dr. MASSEY.

Jan. 12th. Confirmed a sick person; candidate presented by the Rev. Dr. MASSEY.

Jan. 14th. (2d Sunday after Epiphany.) Preached in Christ Church, Mobile, baptised an infant, and celebrated the Holy Communion. In the afternoon, after a sermon by the Rev. Mr. JOPE, confirmed one person at St. Paul's Church, Spring Hill.

Jan. 17th. Attended session of the Special Council of the Diocese in St. John's Church, Montgomery. [See Journal of the Special Council.] At night preached in St. John's Church, and confirmed nine persons.

Jan. 21st. (3d Sunday after Epiphany.) Preached in St. John's Church, Montgomery.

Jan. 31st. In Trinity Chapel, New York City, I made the "Declaration of Conformity" to the Constitution of the Church in the United States; addressed, by special request, the Students of the General Theological Seminary, and united with the Bishops and Clergy present in the celebration of the Holy Communion.

Feb. 4th. (Sexagesima Sunday.) Preached in St. Paul's Church, Baltimore, in the morning, and assisted the Rector in the administration of the Holy Communion. In the afternoon, attended service at St. Luke's Church, and, after catechetical exercises by the Rector, addressed the children assembled.

Feb. 11th. (Quinquagesima Sunday.) Preached in the Church of the Nativity, Huntsville, morning and afternoon; also the three succeeding days, including Ash Wednesday; confirming during my stay sixteen persons, and baptising one child.

Feb. 15th. Visited Tuscumbia, and attempted to visit Florence, but failed because of the impossibility of crossing the river on that day. The result of my visitation at this point was a determination to locate a Clergyman there. Accordingly, I assigned to duty the Rev. J. B. GRAY, Deacon, with instructions to officiate alternately at Florence and Tuscumbia. I was much gratified to

find that the Church people, in and around Tuscumbia, although much impoverished, were resolved to do all in their power towards the support of a Clergyman. The appropriation of the Domestic Committee, together with the contributions of the people, will enable me to sustain the Church at this and other points to be hereafter named.

March 2d. Preached at Christ Church, New Orleans.

March 4th. (3d Sunday in Lent.) In the morning, preached at St. Paul's Church, New Orleans, confirming forty-six persons, seven of whom were presented by the Rev. Mr. JESSUP, of Immanuel Parish, Jefferson City. I also celebrated at this service the Holy Communion. In the afternoon, I preached in Mt. Olivet Church, Algiers, and confirmed twenty-five persons. At night, in Christ Church, after a sermon by the Rev. Mr. BECKWITH, I confirmed sixty-eight persons.

March 5th. I consecrated "Trinity Church," New Orleans; confirmed fifty-five persons, and celebrated the Holy Communion; sermon by myself.

March 6th. Preached in Christ Church, New Orleans.

March 7th. Preached in St. Peter's Church, New Orleans, and confirmed thirty-eight persons, three of whom were candidates from Mt. Olivet, Algiers. At night, preached in "Calvary Church," New Orleans, and confirmed twenty-five persons, of whom, one was from Christ Church, one from Mt. Olivet, and one from St. Paul's Church.

March 11th. (4th Sunday in Lent.) Preached in St. Paul's Church, Spring Hill. In the afternoon, officiated at the funeral of "Sister REBECCA HEWITT," the Chief of the Sisterhood. This was a sad occasion indeed, and demands a more special notice at another time.

March 14th. Confirmed a sick person in private; candidate presented by Rev. Dr. PIERCE.

March 18th. (5th Sunday in Lent.) Preached in Trinity Church, Mobile, and celebrated the Holy Communion.

March 25th. (Sunday next before Easter.) Preached in St. Paul's Church, Selma, morning and afternoon, and confirmed four persons. Here I found the Church building in ruins. It was destroyed by fire upon the occupation of the city by the U. S. forces. At any time the loss would have been a serious one, but it is peculiarly so at this time, in view of the general depression of money matters. I was rejoiced to find, however, that the Vestry and people were resolved to proceed at once to the erection of a new building. The Rev. J. H. TICKNOR, who has so long and so unweariedly served the congregation of St. Paul's Church, had, just before my visitation, resigned the Rectorship of the Church. I trust that he will find a congenial field of labor within the Diocese which he has so long and faithfully served.

March 26th. (Monday before Easter.) Preached, morning and night, at St. Luke's Church, Cahaba, and confirmed, at the latter service, three persons. I also baptised an adult at the same service.

March 27th. (Tuesday before Easter.) I preached in the same Church, and celebrated the Holy Communion. This Church, also, I found without a Rector. A meeting, however, of the Church people was held on Easter Monday; a vestry was elected, and measures were taken for the support of a Clergyman.

March 28th. (Wednesday before Easter.) Preached at Demopolis. Here, also, I found the Church edifice destroyed by fire, and was indebted to the kindness of others for a place in which to worship. It was gratifying to me to find that the Church people had already taken steps towards the erection of a new Church, and had secured a subscription among themselves of about \$4,000. The Rectorship of this congregation is also vacant, but the Rev. Mr. HANSON is rendering regular services, in connection with his duties as Rector of St. Andrew's Church.

March 31st. (Easter Even.) Participated in Divine Service at Christ Church Tuskaloosa.

April 1st. (Easter Sunday.) Preached at Christ Church, Tuskaloosa, confirming four persons, and celebrating the Holy Communion. In the afternoon, I catechized the children of the congregation.

April 2d. (Monday in Easter Week.) I addressed the congregation in the

same Church after morning prayer. The Rectorship of this Church is now held by the Rev. JOHN D. EASTER, late of the Diocese of Georgia. He has received a cordial welcome from the people of his new charge, and is laboring among them with a reasonable prospect of ultimate success.

April 4th. I married a couple in Cahaba.

April 8th. (1st Sunday after Easter.) Preached at Christ Church, Mobile, and confirmed nine persons. The Rev. GEORGE T. WILMER, D. D., late of the Diocese of Virginia, is now Rector of this Church. In the afternoon of the same day, I preached in St. John's Church, Mobile, and confirmed twenty-two persons.

April 15th. (2d Sunday after Easter.) Preached in the Chapel of the "Church Home School," baptising one of the pupils and confirming four. At night, I preached in Trinity Church, Mobile, and confirmed twenty-eight persons.

April 20th. Preached in Trinity Church, Mobile, and confirmed nine persons, one of whom was a candidate from Christ Church.

April 29th. (4th Sunday after Easter.) Preached this and the day following at Greenville, confirming twelve persons. I found that the good people of this place had taken active measures for completing their Church building, and organizing themselves into a Parish. The prospect of future increase at this point is most encouraging.

The summary of my official acts for the last Conventional year is as follows:

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| Funerals,..... | 1 |
| Marriages,..... | 2 |
| Baptisms—(Adult, 1,)..... | 6 |
| Confirmations—In New Orleans, 352; in Alabama, 190,..... | 542 |
| Churches Consecrated—In New Orleans,..... | 1 |
| Deacons Ordained,..... | 1 |
| Priests Ordained,..... | 3 |
| Lay Readers Licensed,..... | 2 |
| Candidates for Orders Received,..... | 2 |
| Present number of Clergy in the Diocese,..... | 31 |

"Letters Dimissory" have been issued as follows, viz: to the Rev. JOHN W. BECKWITH, to the Diocese of Louisiana; to the Rev. A. F. DOBB, to Diocese of Texas; to the Rev. W. D. CHRISTIAN, Deacon, to Diocese of Wisconsin; to the Rev. FOSTER ELY, Deacon, to the Diocese of New York; to the Rev. J. A. SHEPHERD, to Diocese of Texas; to the Rev. A. D. MCCOY, to the Diocese of Louisiana; to the Rev. J. B. T. SMITH, to the Diocese of Tennessee; to the Rev. J. J. NICHOLSON, to the Diocese of Louisiana; to the Rev. A. G. BAKEWELL, to same Diocese; to the Rev. HENRY SANSOM, D. D., to the Diocese of Mississippi; to the Rev. G. F. CUSHMAN, D. D., to Diocese of New Hampshire; to the Rev. WILLIAM BINET, to the Diocese of Connecticut.

I have received into the Diocese of Alabama, since my last report, as follows, viz: the Rev. F. W. DAMUS, by "Letters Dimissory" from the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese of Mississippi; the Rev. B. F. MOWER, from Louisiana; the Rev. JOHN D. EASTER, from Georgia; the Rev. GEORGE T. WILMER, D. D., from Virginia.

The present number of Candidates for Holy Orders is five, viz: C. A. BRADFORD, C. ASHER CLARKSON, WM. HARRIS BOWERS, SAMUEL C. DONALDSON, JAMES E. POINDEXTER.

In concluding this annual address, I shall content myself with touching, briefly, one matter of particular interest, hoping that the attention of the Convention will be drawn to its consideration at an early hour of the session. I refer to the duties which the Church owes the colored population in our midst. This is indeed no new subject of interest to us, for we have always recognized the obligation of the Church to minister unto all persons, without respect to political or social distinctions. We cannot properly recognize the existence of any new obligation as growing out of any change in the political and domestic relations of this class of our people.

It must be admitted that there are circumstances of peculiar delicacy connected with any systematic effort which we may make in behalf of the class in

question; but we shall find the practical solution of this, as of all other difficult questions, in an undeviating adherence to the principles of the Church. We are in the midst of ignorance and wretchedness. The masses claim our assistance and sympathy without respect to colour. We are debtors to the free as we were to the bond, neither more nor less. What, as Churchmen, we are bound to do for one class, we are bound to do to another. I am unwilling to do or say anything which shall swell the tide of sympathy which has set so strongly and demonstratively in favor of a particular class of our people. In the correspondence which has passed between myself and the "Freedmen's Commission," (established by the late General Convention,) I have taken the ground that I was prepared, through instrumentalities of my own selection, to make use of any means which they ("the Commission") might see fit to place in my hands. I see no propriety in departing from the usages of the Church, in accordance with which, the Bishop of a Diocese is charged with the selection of the instrumentalities which, in order to work properly, must work under his supervision.

I do not deem it needful to enlarge more at this time upon this subject. Its importance demands serious deliberation. I suggest, therefore, that a Committee will be appointed to report to this body what measures, if any, shall be adopted, with the view of systematizing our efforts in behalf of a class of our people, who have ever had a place in our affections, and whose present condition appeals so loudly to our sympathies.

I would call the attention of the Council to the large number of vacant Parishes and unoccupied fields of labour. Some adequate provision must be made to enable the Bishop, in accordance with the Canons, to provide for these emergencies. I suggest that some Canon shall be enacted which shall meet the case.

I would, also, report to the Council that the Domestic Committee of the General Convention has made known to me that they have appropriated to the Diocese of Alabama, for the current year, the sum of \$3,000, to be appropriated by the Committee under the advice of the Bishop of the Diocese. I have already communicated to the Committee a list of those of the Clergy who, in my judgment, were in greatest need of help, and my suggestions have, in every instance, been acted on by the Committee. Besides this important aid from the Committee, I have received various sums from abroad, viz: \$1,000 from the ladies of Louisville, and a proportionate part of the Special Fund in the hands of the General Missionary Society; which sums have enabled me to render important aid to several of the Clergy in our less favored Parishes, and to assist others in moving into the Diocese from abroad.

It is most gratifying to me to be enabled to report these facts as proofs of the active sympathy of our brethren in other sections of the country. From many of the members and friends of the Church within the Diocese, I have received marks of personal kindness and tangible proofs of affection, which I would most gratefully acknowledge.

Upon the whole, in reviewing the events of the year now closing, we have reason to render devout thanks to the Giver of all good things, for that He has enabled us, in the midst of much discouragement, not only to maintain our ground, but even to make some progress. It is true that the number of Confirmations is not so large as usual, but this is due in part to the interruption of travel at the commencement of this Conventional year; in part to the interference of the military with the worship of the Church; and in some measure to the general distraction of the times.

There is demanded of us just now, beloved brethren, an unusual amount of earnest and judicious labour. I cannot, in this brief address, touch, even by enumeration, upon the various points of interest. It becomes us, as watchmen, to maintain a sleepless vigilance, and, as Ambassadors for Christ, to study to show ourselves approved unto God—as workmen that need not to be ashamed—rightly dividing the word of truth. Suffer not yourselves to be overtaken with the cares of this world, so natural to man in times of pecuniary embarrassment. Seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you. Amen.

On motion, *Resolved*, That so much of the Bishop's Address as relates to the Colored population, be referred to a Special Committee, consisting of three Clergymen and three Laymen, with instructions to report such measures as they may deem best.

The Rev. Messrs. MASSEY, STICKNEY and JARRATT, and Messrs. PHELAN, CLEVELAND and MORGAN, were then appointed as said Committee.

On motion, *Resolved*, That so much of the Bishop's Address as relates to vacant Parishes, etc., be referred to the Committee on Canons, with instructions to report a Canon suited to the necessities of the case.

The Parochial Reports were then read, as follows:

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

CHRIST CHURCH, MOBILE.—Rev. GEO. T. WILMER, D. D., Rector.

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| Baptisms—White, adults, 2; infants, 7,..... | Total, 9 |
| Confirmations—White,..... | 10 |
| Marriages—White,..... | 3 |
| Funerals—White,..... | 9 |
| Communicants—Removed, 12; died, 3; present No..... | 244 |
| Communion Offerings,..... | \$535 70 |
| Collections—Diocesan Missions,..... | 142 00 |

The present Rector entered upon the duties of this Parish in February last. During a large part of the past year the Parish was without a Rector and the Church closed.

CHRIST CHURCH, TUSKALOOSA.—Rev. J. D. EASTER, Rector.

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| Baptisms—White, adults, 1; infants, 15; colored, infants, 2,..... | Total, 18 |
| Confirmations—White,..... | 4 |
| Marriages—White, 1; colored, 1,..... | Total, 2 |
| Funerals,..... | 4 |
| Communicants,..... | 98 |
| Sunday School—Teachers, 12; scholars, 60,..... | Total, 72 |
| Parish School—Scholars,..... | 20 |
| Communion Alms—Since November, 1865,..... | \$111 33 |
| Collections—For Church purposes generally, since November, 1865,.... | 605 68 |
| Bishop's Salary, for 1864 and 1865,..... | 167 10 |

Time spent in the Parish in the performance of its regular duties, by the present Rector, three months.

The present Rector took charge of the Parish on the 2d of February, 1866, having previously visited the Parish and administered the Holy Communion in the month of November. The amount of the offerings before to that time are not known. The removal of refugees and others has caused great changes in the list of communicants, and some most valuable members have been lost to us. Divine Service has been celebrated daily since Ash Wednesday. On Easter Monday the Vestry adopted, unanimously, a resolution to rely henceforth on the offertory alone to meet all the expenses of the Parish. The proceeds of the daily offertory, except the communion alms, are placed in the hands of the Treasurer, who pays to the Rector a fixed salary, and appropriates the rest as the Vestry may direct. There has not been time to test fully the success of the plan, but the Rector believes that the result will prove that both the spiritual and temporal interests of the Parish will be promoted thereby.

The Parish School was opened on the 9th of April, and has already developed good results.

A wide field of usefulness is open among the colored people, which will be occupied as soon as circumstances allow. Special services have been held for them in the Church, at which the attendance was very large. A branch of the Parish School will be opened for colored people as soon as a suitable teacher can be found.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, GREENSBORO'.—Rev. R. H. COMBS, Rector.

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| Baptisms—White, infants, 9; colored, infants, 4,..... | Total, 13 |
| Confirmations—White,..... | 7 |
| Marriages—White, 8; colored, 2,..... | Total, 10 |
| Funerals,..... | 8 |
| Communicants—Present No..... | 93 |
| Contributions—Easter Offering to the Church Home,..... | \$100 00 |
| Childrens' Offering to a Parish Library,..... | 146 00 |
| Church Purposes,..... | 109 35 |

TRINITY CHURCH, DEMOPOLIS.

I have preached occasionally in this Church, after the Rev. JOHN BECKWITH left it, until the Diocese was placed under an interdict by the military authorities of the United States. Before the interdict was removed the Church building was burnt down by an incendiary, generally believed to have been a disorderly Federal soldier. I now officiate there regularly on the first and third Sunday, in the Presbyterian Church, which the congregation has been so kind as to loan us. An attempt is now being made to rebuild the Church. The members of the Church and the citizens generally have subscribed very liberally for the purpose. About five thousand dollars have been raised, and it is hoped, in the course of the year, a new building will be commenced. I have baptised three infants, attended three funerals, and married one white and one colored couple.

F. R. HANSON, Officiating Minister.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, MONTGOMERY.—Rev. J. M. MITCHELL, Rector.

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| Baptisms—White, adults, 2; infants, 29; colored, infants, 2,..... | Total, 33 |
| Confirmations—White,..... | 8 |
| Marriages—White, 19; colored, 3,..... | Total, 22 |
| Burials—White,..... | 33 |
| Communicants—White, at last report, 249; removed, 45; died, 6; present No. 243 | |
| Colored, at last report, 20; removed, 6; present No..... | 14 |
| Sunday School—Teachers, 20; scholars, 130,..... | Total, 150 |
| Sunday School Library—No. of Volumes,..... | 620 |
| Communion Administered,..... | 10 |
| Collections—Bishop Cobbs' Home for Orphans,..... | \$1,276 00 |
| Diocesan Missions,..... | 130 00 |
| Christmas Offering to Rector,..... | 205 00 |
| Alms,..... | 146 00 |
| Church purposes generally,..... | 580 00 |
| Assessment for Bishop's Salary,..... | 400 00 |

There having been no Episcopal visitation of the Parish since the last Annual Council, the Rector is able to report the confirmation of only eight persons, who were confirmed during an incidental visit of the Bishop. There is a class of candidates now "ready and desirous to be confirmed."

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, SELMA.—Rev. J. H. TICKNOR, Rector.

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| Baptisms—White, adults, 2; infants, 21; colored, infants, 2,..... | Total, 23 |
| Confirmations—White,..... | 4 |
| Marriages,..... | 14 |
| Funerals—White, 35; colored, 2,..... | Total, 37 |
| Communicants—About..... | 70 |
| Sunday School—Teachers, 8; scholars, 45,..... | Total, 53 |
| Library Books,..... | 200 |
| Communion Administered,..... | 6 |
| Communion Offerings,..... | \$102 00 |
| Collections—Diocesan Missions,..... | 44 00 |
| Other purposes,..... | 220 00 |

For the Sunday School Library the Parish is indebted to the kindness of unknown persons in New York, through Mr. JAMES POTT.

The Rector resigned the charge of this Church on Easter Monday.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, LOWNDES CO.—Rev. J. C. WADDILL, Rector.

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| Baptisms—White, adults, 2; infants, 2,..... | Total, 4 |
| Marriages—White,..... | 1 |
| Funerals—White, 6; colored, 1,..... | Total, 7 |
| Communicants—At last report, 11; added, 10; removed, 2; present No..... | 19 |
| Communion Offerings,..... | 8 |
| Communion Offerings,..... | \$7 50 |

Time spent in the Parish, in the performance of its regular duties, since last report, twelve months.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, LOWNDESBORO'.—Rev. J. C. WADDILL, Rector.

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| Baptisms—White, adults, 1; infants, 3,..... | Total, 4 |
| Marriages—White, 2; colored, 1,..... | " 3 |
| Funerals—White,..... | 1 |
| Communicants—White, at last report, 23; died, 1; removed, 5; present No..... | 17 |
| Colored,..... | 3 |

These official acts, excepting one marriage, were performed by the late Rector. By arrangements made between this Parish and St. Peter's, I have officiated here since 28th January, semi-monthly.

Regular services are held for servants, and there is a good attendance.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, CARLOWVILLE.—Rev. F. B. LEE, Rector.

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| Baptisms—Adults, 1; infants, 3,..... | Total, 4 |
| Marriages,..... | 3 |
| Communion Offerings,..... | 16 |
| Burials,..... | 4 |

There have been no changes in the statistical condition of my Parish, other than the loss of all the colored communicants by their change of neighborhood. The same cause, also, has deprived me of a congregation of this class, to which I had been in the practice of preaching on two Sundays in the month, and for the present I can see no prospect of reviving it.

I have again undertaken to supply the congregation at County Line with services for two Sundays per month.

Morning Prayers have been held during the year on Wednesday of each week, also on Fridays during the season of Lent.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, MACON.—Rev. F. R. HANSON, Rector.

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| Marriages—White, 8; colored, 1,..... | Total, 4 |
| Funerals,..... | 2 |
| Communicants,..... | 22 |
| Communion Offerings,..... | 4 |
| Communion Alms,..... | \$18 75 |
| For Diocesan Missions,..... | 22 90 |

The congregation has raised a subscription of nearly one thousand dollars for the purpose of repairing the Church and rebuilding the fence around the graveyard.

CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY, HUNTSVILLE.

Rev. J. M. BANISTER, Rector.

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| Baptisms—White, adults, 1; infants, 7,..... | Total, 8 |
| Confirmations—White,..... | 16 |
| Marriages—White,..... | 3 |
| Funerals—White,..... | 14 |
| Communicants—White, added, 22; died, 8; removed, 12; present No..... | 102 |
| Sunday School—Teachers, 11; scholars, 84,..... | Total, 95 |
| Communion Offerings,..... | 12 |
| Communion Offerings,..... | \$182 70 |
| Diocesan Missions,..... | 50 00 |
| Church purposes generally,..... | 769 15 |

Time spent in the Parish since last report, twelve months.

The Rector is indebted to the Rev. J. M. ROBERTSON for much valuable assistance rendered during the greater part of the ecclesiastical year now ended.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, EUFAULA.—Rev. THOS. J. BEARD, Rector.

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| Baptisms—White, adults, 1; infants, 6,..... | Total, 7 |
| Confirmations—No visitation from Diocesan. | |
| Marriages—White, | 3 |
| Deaths—White, | 8 |
| Communicants—Died, 2; added, 2; present No..... | 40 |
| Sunday School—Teachers, 4; scholars, 15,..... | Total, 19 |
| Library Books,..... | 400 |
| Communion Administered,..... | 14 |
| Communion Offerings,..... | \$92 00 |
| Contributions for Sunday School Books,..... | 40 00 |

Time spent in the Parish, in the performance of its regular duties, since last report, twelve months.

TRINITY CHURCH, MOBILE.—Rev. J. A. MASSEY, D. D., Rector.

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| Baptisms—White, adults, 10; infants, 53; colored, infants, 2,..... | Total, 65 |
| Confirmations—White,..... | 46 |
| Marriages—White, 38; colored, 2,..... | Total, 40 |
| Funerals—White, 64; colored, 1,..... | " 65 |
| Communicants—White, at last report, 255; died, 12; present No..... | 290 |
| Sunday School—Teachers, 16; scholars, white, 130,..... | Total, 146 |
| Library Books,..... | 200 |
| Communion Administered—Private, 12; public, 12,..... | Total, 24 |
| Communion Offerings,..... | \$505 60 |
| Collections—Diocesan Missions,..... | 142 60 |

Time spent in the Parish, in the performance of its regular duties, since last report, twelve months.

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD, MOBILE.

Rev. J. A. MASSEY, D. D., Minister.

Circumstances have rendered it very difficult for the Minister to keep a regular account of official acts performed for this congregation. He has held regular service for it every Sunday since it was deprived of a Minister of its own, and has married, buried and baptised. And although the congregation has had many difficulties to contend with, and has passed through a trying ordeal during the last twelve months, because of the fanaticism and lawlessness by which they have been surrounded in other congregations of their color, yet have the people, almost without exception, held their ground, and are more attached to the Church than ever. Nothing hinders their progress now but the want of a Minister, who can devote his whole time to them, and a more suitable Church building. It is earnestly hoped that they will not be long without the former, and to secure the latter, the people are now making energetic efforts. They will, this week, send one of their own number North to ask assistance, and it is confidently believed by his efforts, with what can be done here, a Church will soon be built. A wide field is open before us among these people. May God give us wisdom and zeal to do our duty.

ST. STEPHEN'S MISSION, EUTAW.—Rev. S. U. SMITH, Missionary.

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| Baptisms—White, adults, 2; infants, 6,..... | Total, 8 |
| Funerals—White, .. | 3 |
| Marriages—White, | 2 |
| Communicants—At last report, 30; removed, 7; added, 2; present No..... | 25 |
| Communion Administered,..... | 8 |
| Communion Offerings,..... | \$29 00 |

Time spent in the Mission, twelve months.

ST. MARK'S CHURCH, FORK OF GREENE.—Rev. S. U. SMITH, Rector.

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| Baptisms—White, infants, 5; colored, infants, 8,..... | Total, 8 |
| Marriages—White, 2; Colored, 2,..... | " 4 |
| Funerals—White, | 1 |
| Communicants—Added, 3; removed, 4; present No..... | 17 |
| Communion Administered,..... | 7 |
| Communion Offerings,..... | \$13 00 |

Time spent in the Parish, in the performance of its regular duties, since last report, twelve months.

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, JACKSONVILLE.

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| Communicants—Removed, 1; present No..... | 15 |
| Marriages,..... | 2 |

Since the Rev. Mr. ROBERTSON left us, just after the surrender, we have been without a Minister.
JNO. D. HOKE, Warden.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, CAMDEN.—Rev. W. J. PERDUE, Rector.

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| Baptisms,..... | 2 |
| Marriages,..... | 3 |
| Burials,..... | 3 |
| Communicants—Died, 1; removed, 4; present No..... | 18 |

Time spent in the Parish, twelve months.

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH, MARENGO CO.—Rev. J. Y. GHOLSON, Rector.

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| Baptisms—White, adults, 2; infants, 8; colored, infants, 2,..... | Total, 12 |
| Confirmations—Candidates since last report,..... | 6 |
| Marriages—White, 6; colored, 4,..... | Total, 10 |
| Funerals—White, | 9 |
| Communicants—White, 24; colored, 6,..... | Total, 30 |
| Communion Administered,..... | 6 |
| Communion Offerings—Appropriated to Church Home for Orphans,... | \$ 67 00 |
| Collections—Diocesan Missions,..... | 30 00 |
| Bibles and Prayer Books for poor of the Parish,..... | 16 00 |
| Church purposes generally,..... | 248 60 |

Time spent in the Parish, in the performance of its regular duties, since last report, twelve months.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, MOBILE.—Rev. H. N. PIERCE, D. D., Rector.

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| Baptisms—White, adults, 4; infants, 66,..... | Total, 70 |
| Confirmations—White, | 46 |
| Marriages—White, | 57 |
| Funerals—White, | 86 |
| Communicants—White, added, 14; present No..... | 140 |
| Sunday School—Teachers, 20; scholars, 260,..... | Total, 280 |
| Library Books,..... | 270 |
| Communion Administered,..... | 15 |
| Communion Offerings,..... | \$ 442 11 |
| Diocesan Missions,..... | 109 00 |
| Church purposes generally,..... | 1,500 00 |

Time spent in the Parish, twelve months, with the exception of three weeks, during which I was in attendance on the General Council at Augusta, Ga.

The decrease of communicants, as compared with the number reported two years since, is owing, mainly, to removals from the city, and, in some cases, removals to other Parishes in the city. Death, also, has been unusually busy and taken away not a few. The Parish is gradually reviving and getting into good working order, and I trust the ensuing year will be abundant in good works, the outgrowth of lively faith and godly zeal.

ST. THOMAS' CHURCH, GREENVILLE.—Rev. J. S. JARRATT, Rector.

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| Baptisms—White, adults, 2; infants, 4,..... | Total, 6 |
| Confirmations—White, 11; colored, 1,..... | " 12 |
| Marriages—White,..... | 1 |
| Funerals—White,..... | 2 |
| Communicants—Died, 1; present No. 80; colored, present No., 2,.... | Total, 82 |
| Sunday School—Teachers, 6; scholars, white, 20; colored, 102,..... | Total, 128 |
| Library Books,..... | 29 |
| Communion Administered,..... | 3 |
| Collections—For all Church purposes,.... | \$679 00 |

Time spent in the Parish, in the performance of its regular duties, three months.

This Parish was organized on the third day of February, 1866.

**REPORT OF THE REV. JAMES S. JARRATT,
MISSIONARY IN MONTGOMERY AND BLAIR COUNTIES.**

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| Baptisms—Colored, infants,..... | 1 |
| Marriages—White, 3; colored, 58,..... | Total, 61 |
| Funerals—White, 1; colored, 8,..... | " 4 |
| Communicants—In Montgomery County, white, 4; colored, 1,..... | " 5 |
| Communion Administered,..... | 2 |
| Communion Alms,..... | \$22 00 |

Time spent in Missionary duty, twelve months.

During the past year, while the Church at Greenville was closed by military force, I still continued to perform all the functions of my office whenever and wherever I could, believing that I ought to obey God rather than man.

FAUNSDALE, MARENGO COUNTY, May 1st, 1866.

Rt. Rev. R. H. WILMER, D. D.

Rt. Rev. Father—My last annual report contained almost the last of my interesting labours in the field to which you appointed me more than three years ago. Services were continued one month longer on the several plantations, up to Whitsunday. Further attempts at drawing together congregations on these several plantations became futile. The negroes, wandering everywhere, grew too wild in the illusory future of their new misconceived and undefined condition, to care for the sobriety of religious worship. That month ten services was celebrated among them, with one Holy Communion. Confirmation was administered to twelve candidates in Faunsdale Chapel.

All services since, among them, except the marriage ceremony, have been confined to my own place, in the Faunsdale Chapel, where regular attendance was secured the remainder of the past, as also the present year, by stipulation in the contract.

Since the new year has begun, with its arrangements and preparations for planting, there has been an urgent request from the blacks in my old field to resume services among them, and I have now withdrawn from temporary appointments in vacant Parishes to return immediately to this my wonted field of labour. Besides my own Chapel, which has already been proclaimed public for the surrounding plantations, I may be able to take in one or two of the most central of my old points for holding regular services, and as frequent as practicable.

A new and important duty now devolves upon us: to qualify this class of people for their new condition, by instructing them in the ordinary elementary books of learning.

By the assistance of female members of my family, I have begun a daily school for younger children at home. Sunday and odd times are offered to such as labour daily for subsistence. We find an hour or two at a time enough to impart aid that awakens interest productive of agreeable progress. The oral instruction, heretofore so long employed on our place, we hope will thus be aided and facilitated in teaching and unfolding the Church's Catechism.

Laying aside the act as a "spiritual work of mercy," it may be productive of temporal good, both to the poor friendless negro and ourselves, in continuing their attachment to their homes and former owners. Our experience thus far is yet more limited by the prevalence of epidemics and contagions, which the new system of things perpetually invites in and keeps alive on our plantations.

In Dayton, services (changed to Sundays) were continued twice a month up to the close of the year. And, as you further directed, I have been holding temporary services (Sundays) in the vacant Parishes of Demopolis, Uniontown and Marion. They were much hindered by the uncommon number of rainy Sundays and almost impassable state of the roads.

I kept up services all the year in one place or another, and was not molested during the military interdict.

The following is a summary of my last year's work:

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| Services—To white congregations, 27; colored do., 30,..... | Total, 57 |
| Holy Communion—To white congregations, 7; colored do., 5,..... | " 12 |
| Marriages—White, 5; colored, 6,..... | " 11 |
| Funerals—White, 1; colored, 12,..... | " 13 |
| Confirmations—Colored,..... | 12 |

All of which is respectfully submitted, by

Your ob't serv't and Son in the Ministry,

W. A. STICKNEY,

Ministering in the Canebrake Mission to the Negroes.

TALLASSEE, ALA., April 30th, 1866.

To the Rt. Rev. R. H. WILMER, Bishop of Alabama.

After my ordination in September last, I returned to this place, and commenced my labours, as directed. We had not, and still have not, a Church building here; though there is a sufficient number of Communicants and Church supporters to form a Parish organization. Notwithstanding all difficulties, I determined, by God's help, to have Divine Service every Sunday; and every Saturday I would make ready my large school-room and invite the public to attend worship the next day.

In this way, I have collected and kept together a large and attentive congregation.

Did we have in this place a suitable and commodious Church edifice, conveniently located, we might establish by means of Sabbath School teachings, weekly Church instruction, and the usual Lord's day ministrations, a flourishing Parish, and many precious souls be brought from darkness into the light of the Gospel.

We have here ten Communicants, and one subject for Confirmation, awaiting your visitation.

I have performed one burial service, and married one couple.

The first Sunday I officiated here, the Rev. B. F. MOWER, Presbyter, was with me; he, assisted by myself, administered the Holy Communion. The offerings received upon that occasion amounted to \$27 50, which I paid over to him. Since then, I have collected at various times, for charitable purposes, the sum of \$32.

I would, Rt. Rev. Sir, most respectfully call your earnest and especial attention to this point, as presenting a field where a successful and glorious Church work may, under God's providence, be wrought.

Time employed in regular Church duty, seven months.

Most Respectfully, W. M. PETTIS, Deacon.

REPORT OF REV. B. F. MOWER, MISSIONARY.

EMMANUEL CHURCH, OPELIKA.

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| Communicants,..... | 15 |
| Baptisms,..... | 1 |
| Sunday School—Scholars, 30; teachers, 5,..... | Total, 35 |
| Communion Collections,..... | \$20 00 |
| Candidates for Confirmation,..... | 3 |
| Burials,..... | 2 |

The few Episcopal families at this point have been as kind and liberal to their Minister as they could be. They are earnest and zealous Church people, for whom it is a pleasure to labour.

TRINITY CHURCH, AUBURN.

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| Church Families,..... | 2 |
| Communicants,..... | 5 |
| Sunday School—Scholars, 12; teachers, 4,..... | Total, 16 |

The Sunday School here has been in operation but three or four Sundays. A great deal of interest in the services of the Church has been manifested by members of other denominations.

CROSS KEYS.

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| Communicants,..... | 8 |
| Candidate for Confirmation,..... | 1 |
| Communion Collections,..... | \$25 50 |
| Offering for Diocesan Missions,..... | 6 50 |

MT. MEIGS.

At this point I officiate the third Sunday of every month. I have administered the Holy Communion once. The collection taken up on this occasion amounted to \$14.

TALLASSEE.

I have visited this point six times, and on four different occasions administered the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. The Rev. WM. M. PERRIS, Deacon, residing at Tallassee, will be able to furnish fuller particulars respecting this station.

ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH, AUTAUGAVILLE.—Rev. J. F. SMITH, Rector.

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| Baptisms—White, infants,..... | 2 |
| Marriages—White,..... | 1 |
| Communicants—Present No..... | 10 |
| Communion Administered,..... | 2 |

Time spent in the Parish, in the performance of its regular duties, since last report, about six or eight months.

The invasion of the country by the Federal forces during last Spring, and the confusion consequent thereon, put it out of my power to meet many of my appointments at this Church during the last year.

I regret to say that I have been unable to officiate at Prattville since the invasion of that part of the country by the Federal forces. There are, at present, about ten communicants, and I think it much to be regretted that the services cannot be continued at this place.

J. F. SMITH.

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS, UNIONTOWN.

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| Baptisms—White, adults, 2; infants, 2,..... | Total, 4 |
| Confirmations,..... | 3 |
| Deaths—White,..... | 2 |
| Communicants,..... | 29 |

Since September last, the Parish has been without a Minister. Steps are now taking to obtain one, with promising hopes.

The Rev. W. A. STICKNEY has celebrated Divine Service six times, with sermons, and one Holy Communion.

Until the Parish shall be blessed with services at the hands of a Minister, we purpose to have regular Lay Reading.

ST. WILFRID'S CHURCH, MARION.

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| Communicants,..... | 64 |
| Marriages,..... | 6 |
| Deaths,..... | 6 |
| Baptisms—Infants,..... | 2 |
| Communion,..... | 6 |
| Offerings—Diocesan Missions,..... | \$10 00 |
| Church Home, Tuskaloosa,..... | 20 05 |

The Parish has been without services since October last, when the Minister left, except regular Lay services and an occasional visit of a Clergyman.

We shall have to look to the Bishop to send us a Minister, and are making arrangements to support him. Our Delegates to the Convention at Montgomery were duly chosen, but not able to attend, viz: J. J. SEAWELL, J. F. KNIGHT, D. KELLER, D. LOCKHART and E. L. STICKNEY.

REPORT OF REV. R. A. COBBS.

The undersigned would respectfully report, that having been appointed by the Bishop to the Rectorship of the Church Home School, he removed to Mobile early in September last, and entered at once upon the discharge of the various duties connected with that office.

The School opened on the 18th October, 1865, and, though beset by many difficulties, it has, by God's blessing, steadily worked its way up to a degree of prosperity far beyond the most sanguine anticipations of its founders and friends, and now gives every promise of permanence and prosperity. No small portion of this success is due to the impress stamped upon the discipline of the School by the genius of "Sister Rebecca," the late lamented Chief of the Diocesan Order of Deaconesses, whose naturally strong mind and large experience in teaching, combined with ardent piety and a thorough devotion to her work, caused her to be pre-eminently qualified for the position which she filled.

As an instance of the religious influence which is brought to bear upon the pupils of the Church Home School, the Rector would state that, of the twenty boarders now under its roof, three have been baptised, and eight confirmed.

In addition to my duties as Rector of the School, I have also officiated every Sunday, either at St. Paul's Church, Spring Hill, or in the School Chapel, and have administered the Holy Communion on the first Sunday in each month, and also on the greater Festivals of the Church.

I have also officiated elsewhere at one baptism and one funeral.

Mobile, May 1st, 1866.

R. A. COBBS.

CALVARY CHURCH, PUSHMATAHA, AND PARTS ADJACENT.

Rev. R. D. NEVIUS, who made a Missionary tour in the Fall of 1865, through Choctaw County, under the Bishop's direction, reports:

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| Baptisms—Infants, | 1 |
| Communicants—Residing in Butler, Mt. Sterling, Pushmataha and Bladon Springs, &c., | 27 |
| Communion Administered, | 1 |
| Offerings at Communion, | \$36 10 |

The Rev. Mr. NEVIUS also reports quite a large number of candidates for Confirmation in these different localities.

On motion, the Rules of Order were suspended to allow the reading of the following report from the Trustees of the Bishop's Fund:

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE BISHOP'S FUND.

The Trustees of the Bishop's Fund present herewith the report of the Treasurer of that Fund, from which its present condition may be seen.

The whole amount of the Fund, permanent and special, is \$33,519 52; of that amount, \$8,000 was reported May, 1864, as being invested in Confederate 8 per cent. bonds, and afterwards, in the year 1864, \$800 of Confederate interest bearing notes was purchased at a discount—deducting the amount lost by Confederate securities, say \$8,424 62, from the entire amount of the Fund, leaves \$25,094 90, the principal part of which the Trustees hope may eventually prove to be good, though they cannot expect to receive any income from most of it for several years to come. Heretofore the Trustees have allowed to the Parishes, on account of their assessments for the Bishop's Salary, 8 per cent. interest on the amount paid in by each Parish towards this Fund, but as only a very small amount has been received from any part of the Fund in the hands of the Trustees, for the past two years, the Treasurer now has no means with which to

make this allowance. The Trustees therefore request that the Finance Committee may be instructed, at once, to examine into the condition of the Fund, and report as early as practicable, for the consideration of the Convention, such plans in regard to the Fund as they may deem advisable.

S. G. JONES,

A. R. BELL,

Trustees of Bishop's Fund.

Montgomery, May 2d, 1866.

Treasurer's Report of the Condition of the Bishop's Fund of the Diocese of Alabama, May 1st, 1866.

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| Amount of Permanent Fund reported May 1st, 1864,..... | \$ 9,632 73 |
| Amount of Special Fund " " " ... | \$23,896 80 |
| Contributions to Special Fund since " " " ... | 200 00— 23,896 80 |

The Fund at present consists as follows:

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| Notes of individuals for loans by Trustees,..... | \$ 3,081 06 | |
| Seven Bonds of Ala. and Miss. R. R. Co. for \$500 each, due 1st January, 1864,..... | 8,500 00 | |
| Ten Bonds Ala. and Fla. R. R. Co. of Fla. for \$500 each, payable 1st January, 1879,..... | 5,000 00 | |
| Two Notes of Trustees of Hamner Hall, Dec. 28, 1863,..... | 4,968 18 | |
| Notes of individuals in the various Parishes given in aid of Special Fund,..... | \$8,815 00 | |
| Reported as worthless heretofore,..... | 844 84— | 8,479 66 |
| Cash in the hands of the Treasurer,..... | 125 00 | |

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| Possibly good,..... | \$25,094 90 | |
| Worthless—Confederate 8 per cent. Bonds,... | \$8,000 00 | |
| \$800 Confederate Int. Notes, cost, .. | 660 00 | |
| | \$8,660 00 | |
| Less advanced by Treasurer in Confederate Notes,..... | \$ 235 38 | \$8,424 62 \$33,519 52 |

A. R. BELL,
Treasurer Bishop's Fund.

On motion, said Report was referred to the Finance Committee.

On motion, so much of the Bishop's Report as had not been previously disposed of, and the Parochial Reports, were referred to the Committee on the State of the Church.

The Bishop then retired, calling the Rev. Mr. TICKNOR to the chair.

The following resolution was then presented and adopted:

Resolved, That the Salary of the Bishop of this Diocese ought to be at least \$4000 per annum, and that the Committee on Finance be instructed to consider whether this amount cannot be pledged for the ensuing year.

On motion, Mr. S. G. JONES was added to the Committee on Finance.

On motion, the Convention adjourned until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, MONTGOMERY, }
Friday, May 4th, 9 o'clock, A. M. }

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the Bishop. The Roll was then called, and the Rev. J. M. BANISTER, in addition to those present yesterday, answered to his name.

The minutes of the preceeding day were then read, and, after several verbal amendments, were adopted.

Several Parochial Reports which were not in hand yesterday, were then read by the Secretary.

The Rev. Mr. JOPE, of the Diocese of Iowa, appeared and took a seat in the Convention.

The election of the Standing Committee being the next business in order, the Rev. Messrs. GHOLSON and PETTIS were appointed Tellers, who, after counting the ballot, announced the following persons as duly elected, viz :

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| Rev. J. A. MASSEY, D. D. | Mr. B. A. WHITAKER, |
| Rev. H. N. PIERCE, D. D. | Dr. F. E. GORDON, |
| Rev. G. T. WILMER, D. D. | Mr. GEO. CLEVELAND. |

On motion, the election of Deputies to the General Convention was postponed until the next meeting of this Convention.

The Committee on Unfinished Business made the following report:

"The Committee on Unfinished Business beg leave to report, that they have examined the last printed Journal of this Convention and find no unfinished business there referred to. R. H. COBBS, Chairman."

The Committee on Canons reported the following Canon, which on motion, was adopted:

TITLE II.—CANON IV. OF VACANT PARISHES.

Whenever a vacancy shall occur in the Rectorship of any Parish, it shall be the duty of the Vestry of such Parish promptly to notify the Bishop of such vacancy; and in the event of the failure of the Vestry, for a period of three months, to give such notification to the Bishop, or if the Vestry inform him that no adequate steps are being taken to supply the vacancy, or of its inability to supply it, then the Bishop, if he shall see fit to do so, may appoint a Clergyman to officiate temporarily in said Parish, or until the vacancy in the Rectorship shall have been supplied by the action of the Vestry; and it is hereby declared to be the duty of the Parish to provide, according to its ability, for the maintenance of the Clergymen so officiating.

The Trustees of Hamner Hall made the following report:

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF HAMNER HALL.

The Trustees of Hamner Hall respectfully report, that in September last they assented to the transfer of the Rectorship from the Rev. J. A. SHEPHERD to Mr. HUBERT P. LEFEBVRE, and that they think they have abundant cause to congratulate themselves and the Diocese upon the present condition and prospects of the Institution.

Mr. LEFEBVRE entered upon the Rectorship on the 1st of October last, (1865,) with a Matron and a full corps of Assistant Teachers, possessing eminent qualifications for the duties of their respective departments; and notwithstanding the circumstances which prevented an earlier advertisement of the School under his administration, the number of pupils received during the scholastic year has already reached 130, of whom 80 are boarding pupils. The firm, but truly parental and christian discipline which is everywhere apparent, alike in the household department and in that of the day scholars; the indefatigable energies of the Rector, together with his large experience and eminent success for many years in other similar institutions; his determination to employ, always and only, as Assistant Teachers, persons of unquestioned fitness and abilities, and his enthusiastic devotion to his chosen sphere of labour, and just appreciation of the wholesome influence and great usefulness, both to the world and to the Church, of such Seminaries of learning, when properly conducted, give the Trustees most gratifying assurances that Hamner Hall, under his Rectorship, will amply justify the most sanguine anticipations of its founders, and afford to its patrons as many facilities for the thorough education and christian nurture of their wards and daughters as can be found in any Seminary in the whole country.

The financial condition of the Institute is satisfactory, but the enlargement of the building is greatly to be desired, and any contributions made for that purpose will be faithfully appropriated.

JNO. M. MITCHELL, Sec'y Board Trustees.

The Treasurer of the Diocese then made the following report, which, on motion, was referred to the Committee on Finance:

TREASURER'S REPORT.

REV. F. R. HANSON, *Treasurer, in account with the Diocese of Alabama.*

MONIES RECEIVED.

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| From Christ Church, Mobile, Bishop's Salary,..... | \$441 50 |
| " " " " Contingent Fund,..... | 70 00 |
| " Christ Church, Tuscaloosa, Bishop's Salary,..... | 189 10 |
| " St. John's Church, Montgomery, Bishop's Salary,..... | 400 00 |
| " St. Paul's Church, Greensboro', " " | 144 00 |
| " Church of the Holy Cross, " " | 115 50 |
| " St. Andrew's Church, Macon, " " | 80 00 |
| " St. Paul's Church, Selma, " " | 200 00 |
| " " " " Contingent Fund,..... | 20 00 |
| " Church of the Nativity, Huntsville, Bishop's Salary,..... | 800 00 |
| " St. Paul's Church, Carlowville, " " | 88 00 |
| " County Line, Dallas County, " " | 60 00 |
| " Trinity Church, Demopolis, " " | 140 00 |
| " St. James' Church, Eufaula, " " | 50 00 |
| " " " " Contingent Fund,..... | 5 00 |
| " St. Stephen's Church, Eutaw, Bishop's Salary,..... | 85 00 |
| " Trinity Church, Mobile, " " | 250 00 |
| " St. Mark's Church, Fork of Greene, Bishop's Salary,..... | 21 00 |
| " St. Wilfrid's Church, Marion, " " | 110 00 |
| " " " " Contingent Fund,..... | 6 00 |
| " St. Michael's Church, Marengo County, Bishop's Salary,..... | 121 00 |
| " St. John's Church, Mobile, " " | 200 00 |
| " " " " Contingent Fund,.... | 20 00 |
| " Greenville, Bishop's Salary,..... | 25 00 |
| " St. Matthew's Church, Autaugaville,..... | 11 00 |

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MONIES DISBURSED.

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| Amount paid Bishop Wilmer, as per voucher,..... | \$2,528 60 |
| Amount paid Mrs. Bishop Cobbs, as per voucher,..... | 511 50 |
| Amount Treasurer's expenses in collecting,..... | 18 00 |

Amount disbursed,.....**\$3,058 10**

Amount received,.....**3,047 10**

Still due Treasurer,..... **11 00**

The following resolution was then adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention are due, and are hereby tendered, to the Rev. Mr. HANSON, for the very efficient and successful manner in which he has discharged the duties imposed upon him.

On motion, the Convention adjourned for the purpose of attending Divine Service.

Friday, 1 o'clock, P. M.

Immediately after the close of Divine Service the Convention was called to order by the Bishop. The Special Committee on the Colored population made a report, which, after considerable discussion and a general expression of opinion on the part of the members present, was recommitted.

The following resolution was then adopted:

Resolved, That the next Annual Convention of this Diocese be held in Trinity Church, Mobile, on the 2d Wednesday in May, 1867.

On motion, the Convention adjourned until half-past four, P. M.

Friday, half-past four o'clock, P. M.

The Convention was called to order by the Bishop. The Committee on the State of the Church made the following report:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCH.

MONTGOMERY, ALA., May 4th, 1866.

The Committee on the State of the Church, to whom was referred the Bishop's Address and the Parochial Reports, would report to the Convention that they have examined those documents, and on the whole have been gratified by the view which they give of the state of the Church in the Diocese. The last year has been one of peculiar discouragement. The confusion and embarrassment incident on the unfortunate termination of the war, the interruption of travel, the irregularity of the mails, the interference of the military authorities with the Bishop and Clergy, necessarily affected the Church unfavorably, and retarded, to some extent, her growth. But amidst all these difficulties, much has been done. Most of the Clergy have remained in their Parishes and quietly attended to their duty; and although an unusual large number have taken Letters Dimissory from the Bishop, they were, generally, Clergymen who had taken refuge in the Diocese during the war, and on its termination returned to their former homes. A number of Clergymen have been received into the Diocese who will probably become permanently identified with it, and more than supply the place of those we have lost. It is impossible to give a correct statistical view of the condition of the Diocese, from the fact that no reports have been received from many Parishes. Those that have been heard from seem to be in a growing condition, and on the whole we have much to encourage us to look to the future with hope.

The Committee has been very much gratified by the report which they have heard of the condition of Hamner Hall, the Female School of the Diocese, and they have no doubt but that, under its present able and distinguished Principal, it will very soon become a large and flourishing institution.

They have, also, been particularly gratified by the success which has attended the efforts of the Bishop to establish in the neighbourhood of Mobile, the Church Home School for Girls. This institution deserves the confidence of the Church, and should be cherished by the Diocese. The Committee regret that there is not an institution of the same kind in the Diocese for boys, and hope that the Bishop will, as soon as practicable, establish one.

The Committee have noticed, with much gratification, a mention in the Parochial Report of St. John's Church, Montgomery, the goodly amount of funds contributed in that Parish for the maintenance of the Bishop Cobbs' Home for Orphans, an institution which we have abundant reason to believe is most admirably conducted, and one which we would cordially recommend as an encouraging example to any Parish provoked thereby to similar love and good works in behalf of the destitute and fatherless children in the Diocese.

They entirely concur in the views which the Bishop has expressed in regard to the Colored population, but as that part of his address has been referred to a Special Committee, we forbear to make any suggestion in regard to it.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

F. R. HANSON, Chairman.

- The Bishop here left the chair, calling the Rev. Dr. MASSEY to his place, whereupon, the Committee on Finance made the following report:

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The Committee on Finance have examined the account of the late Treasurer and find the same correct. They recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the assessment on the Parishes for the support of the Episcopate and for Contingent Fund for the year ending 1st May, 1866, be the same as for the preceeding year.

Resolved, That the Treasurer be requested to collect as much as possible of the unpaid assessments for the past two years, and pay the same over to the Bishop until the amount of his Salary has been paid in full.

Resolved, That the Salary of the Bishop from 1st May, 1866, be at the rate of \$4,000 per annum.

Resolved, That the following assessments be made upon the Parishes for the support of the Episcopate of the Diocese for the year beginning 1st May, 1866, and 10 per cent. upon this Assessment for Contingent Fund:

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| Christ Church, Mobile,..... | \$850 00 |
| Christ Church, Tuscaloosa,..... | 300 00 |
| St. John's Church, Montgomery,..... | 700 00 |
| St. Paul's Church, Greensboro',..... | 500 00 |
| Church of the Holy Cross, Uniontown,..... | 140 00 |
| St. Andrew's Church, Macon,..... | 125 00 |
| St. Paul's Church, Selma,..... | 275 00 |
| St. James' Church, Livingston,..... | 60 00 |
| Church of the Nativity, Huntsville,..... | 250 00 |
| St. Paul's Church, Carlowville,..... | 75 00 |
| St. Peter's Church, Lowndes County;..... | 40 00 |
| St. John's Church, Tuscumbia,..... | 25 00 |
| St. Luke's Church, Cahaba,..... | 100 00 |
| St. David's Church, Dallas County,..... | 75 00 |
| Trinity Church, Demopolis,..... | 200 00 |
| St. James' Church, Eufaula,..... | 100 00 |
| St. Stephen's Church, Eutaw,..... | 75 00 |
| Trinity Church, Mobile,..... | 400 00 |
| St. Mark's Church, Greene County,..... | 50 00 |
| St. Wilfrid's Church, Marion,..... | 100 00 |
| St. Luke's Church, Jacksonville,..... | 25 00 |
| St. John's Church, Elyton,..... | 10 00 |
| St. Michael's Church, Marengo County,..... | 200 00 |
| Trinity Church, Florence,..... | 50 00 |
| St. John's Church, Mobile,..... | 250 00 |
| St. Mary's Church, Camden,..... | 50 00 |
| Grace Church, St. Stephen's,..... | 25 00 |
| St. Paul's Church, Lowndesboro',..... | 25 00 |
| St. Mary's Church, Mobile,..... | 40 00 |
| St. Alban's Church, Gainesville,..... | 30 00 |
| Calvary Church, Choctaw County,..... | 20 00 |
| St. James' Church, Claiborne,..... | 25 00 |
| St. Paul's Church, Mobile,..... | 25 00 |
| St. Matthew's Church, Autaugaville,..... | 25 00 |
| St. John's Church, in the Prairies, Greene County,..... | 50 00 |
| Church of the Holy Comforter, Montgomery,..... | 35 00 |
| St. Thomas' Church, Greenville,..... | 50 00 |
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| | \$5,375 00 |

The Committee have also examined the Report of the Trustees of the Bishop's Fund, and find, that from the late changes which have taken place in the affairs of the country, a portion of that Fund has been lost, and a large part of the balance rendered unproductive for some time to come, they, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the Trustees of the Bishop's Fund are hereby instructed to use any income which may be derived from that portion of the Special Fund which has been paid into their hands up to the 1st of May, 1866, for the increase of the Permanent Fund, until otherwise ordered by the Convention.

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the Bishop's Fund furnish to each Rector a list of Notes unpaid in his Parish, and the Rectors are requested; either personally or through the agency of some member of their Vestry, to see to the collection of the Interest on these Notes, and its remission to the Annual Convention; and, also, to take steps for the collection of the principal of any Note whenever circumstances may render it necessary or desirable for this to be done; and also to report to the next Annual Convention as to the residence, solvency, &c., of the persons who have given these Notes.

A. R. BELL, Chairman.

The resolutions embodied in the report were then taken up *seriatim* and adopted. The report as a whole was then adopted.

On motion, it was **Resolved**, that the Rev. J. H. TICKNOR's Note be transferred from St. Paul's Church, Selma, to the Church of the Holy Comforter, Montgomery; and J. J. PEGUES' Note from St. David's Church, Dallas County, to Christ Church, Tuscaloosa; and the Rev. J. M. BANISTER's Note from St. Paul's Church, Greensboro', to the Church of the Nativity, Huntsville.

The Committee on Colored population made report, which, having been verbally amended in one sentence, was adopted.

Mr. GEO. CLEVELAND, a Lay Deputy from Christ Church, Mobile, asked and obtained leave of absence for the remainder of this session.

On motion, the action of the Convention in reference to the report of the Special Committee on the Colored population was reconsidered, and the report thus again brought before the Convention.

On motion, the Convention adjourned until to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, MONTGOMERY, }
Saturday, May 5th, 10 o'clock, A. M. }

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the Bishop.

At the calling of the roll, Mr. WM. SEAWELL, a Lay Deputy from St. Thomas' Church, Greenville, answered to his name and took his seat.

The minutes of the preceding day were then read and approved.

The Committee on the Colored population having brought in their amended report, considerable discussion and a general and free expression of opinion ensued thereupon; pending which, the Convention adjourned for the purpose of attending Divine Service.

Immediately after Divine Service, the Convention resumed the discussion of the report on the Colored population, which, after several verbal amendments, was adopted, as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON COLORED POPULATION.

The Committee to which was referred that part of the Bishop's Address, which relates to our colored population, beg leave to report as follows:

Your Committee have had the subject referred to them under careful consideration, and beg leave to report: That in respect to our colored population we have no new or special plan to propose. They are God's poor now, as much or even more than when they were in bondage. The Bible and the Church marked out the line of duty for the white race towards them then, and they do the same now. It is for Ministers and people, Clergy and Laity, each in his place, and at all times, and under all circumstances, to follow up Christian duty upon Christian principles. We have ever regarded the black man as a brother in Christ; a weak brother; an ignorant brother; a brother inferior by the order of God's providence in some things which appertain to this world, but as very

precious in the sight of God, who is "no respecter of persons." Our duty towards him has not been changed. But the black man is no longer a bondman or slave. He is a freeman, and is among us everywhere accepted as such, in good faith; and no disposition is discernible in the Church to allow her action towards him to be influenced by either pride or prejudice. We may doubt his capacity to bear the stimulus of his new condition, but, as far as in us lies, we wish him to have the benefit of all the aid we can render him to that end, especially in promoting his intellectual and moral culture. If real Christian charity, the love of God and man, shall prevail, and move the general heart towards the black man, no new schemes are necessary; and without this, all schemes must fail. With this principle in active force; the Bible and the Church as they stand; the guiding principles of the one, and the ordinary forms and appointment of the other; only shaped and regulated by a sound discretion to meet the recurring exigencies of the case, will dispense, as we conceive, with all necessity for new plans, having special reference to the black man. To cultivate in our hearts real charity; to inculcate it on all around, as a high and holy duty, which shall be doubly blessed, "blessed in him who gives, and him who takes," and to work with the Bible, and the Church, is the only plan we have to propose.

The Laity of this Committee, speaking for themselves, and those they represent, desire to confide all details to our Spiritual Pastors and Governors, the Bishop and Clergy of the Church.

The following resolution was then adopted:

Resolved, That the Bishop be respectfully requested to address a Pastoral Letter to the Church of Alabama, setting forth his views of the duty of members of the Church in regard to the intellectual, moral and religious culture of the colored population.

The following were then elected Trustees of the Bishop's Fund: Messrs. S. G. JONES, A. R. BELL and JOSIAH MORRIS.

C. T. POLLARD, Esq., and S. G. JONES, Esq., were then elected as Trustees of Hamner Hall.

J. W. FIELD, Esq., of Mobile, was then elected Treasurer of the Diocesan Missionary Fund.

A. R. BELL, Esq., was then elected Treasurer of the University of the South for the Diocese of Alabama.

Rev. G. T. WILMER, D. D., was next elected to the vacancy in the Ecclesiastical Court, caused by the removal from the Diocese of the Rev. Dr. SANSON.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the name of S. G. CORRELL be stricken from the list of subscribers to the Bishop's Fund from St. Mary's Church, Camden.

The following resolution was then adopted:

Resolved, That this Convention retains a grateful recollection of the valuable services of Mr. HENRY A. TAYLOR, for many years Secretary of this Convention.

On motion, the thanks of the Convention were tendered to the citizens of Montgomery for their hospitality.

On motion, the Secretary was ordered to have printed five hundred copies of the Journal of this Convention, together with the unpublished Journals of the two preceding ones.

On motion, it was *Resolved*, that after suitable devotional exercises by the Bishop, the Convention would adjourn *sine die*.

R. H. WILMER, President.

R. A. COBBS, Secretary.

APPENDIX.

PREAMBLE AND RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY GENERAL COUNCIL.

WHEREAS, The several Dioceses, which we, as Bishops and Deputies represent at this Council, were impelled by political events to separate, in a legislative capacity, from the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, and did decide, upon grounds sanctioned by Holy Scripture and Primitive Antiquity, to unite together and adopt, for their better government and more convenient action, a Constitution and Code of Canons, and did meet, in pursuance of that Constitution, in General Council, in November, 1862; and

Whereas, This Church, so organized, although arising out of political events, was from that time a duly organized branch of the One Catholic and Apostolic Church, and may of right so continue to be, or may, through the action of its several Diocesan Councils, form any other Synodical association; and

Whereas, In the opinion of several of the Dioceses which co-operated in the formation of this independent branch of the Church Catholic, the exigency which caused its arrangement no longer exists; and

Whereas, The spirit of charity which prevailed in the proceedings of the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, at its late session in Philadelphia, has warmly commended itself to the hearts of this Council; therefore,

Resolved, I. That, in the judgment of this Council, it is perfectly consistent with the good faith which she owes to the Bishops and Dioceses with which she has been in union since 1862, for any Diocese to decide for herself whether she shall any longer continue in union with this Council.

II. That it be recommended that wherever the word "CONFEDERATE" occurs in the Standards of this Church, the word "UNITED" be substituted therefor.

III. That inasmuch as the change recommended in the preceding Resolution (being a change in the Prayer Book) cannot be legally completed until the next meeting of this Council, under the circumstances it should, in the meantime, have the force of law in any Diocese, when approved by its Bishop or Diocesan Council.

IV. That each Diocese now in connection with this Council shall be governed by the Constitution and Canons thereof, until such time as it shall have declared its withdrawal therefrom, as hereinafter provided for.

V. That whenever any Diocese shall determine to withdraw from this Ecclesiastical Confederation, such withdrawal shall be considered as duly accomplished when an official notice, signed by the Bishop and Secretary of such Diocese, shall have been given to the Bishop of the Dioceses remaining in connection with this Council.

ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION.

We, whose names are hereunto affixed, deeply impressed with the importance of the Christian religion, and earnestly desiring to promote its holy influence in the hearts and lives of ourselves, our families, and our neighbors, do hereby associate ourselves together under the name and style and title of the Parish of — Church, —, — County, and State of Alabama, and by so doing adopt the Constitution and Canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Alabama, in communion with the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America.

Agreeable to Canon XI, 1850, we certify to the Convention of the Diocese of Alabama, that the above recited articles of Association have been duly signed by the members of the Parish of — Church, —.

CERTIFICATE OF DELEGATES.

This certifies that at a meeting of the Vestry of — Church, held on — day of —, A, B, and C, were duly elected Lay Delegates to represent the same in the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the Diocese of Alabama, to be holden on the — day of —, in the year of our Lord —.—[Canon V.

FORM OF PAROCHIAL REPORT.

| _____Parish. | _____Rector. | _____Date. |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|------------|
| Baptisms—White, adults, —; infants, —;..... | | Total, — |
| “ Colored, adults, —; infants, —;..... | | “ — |
| Confirmations—White, —; colored, —;..... | | “ — |
| Marriages—White, —; colored, —;..... | | “ — |
| Funerals—White, —; colored, —;..... | | “ — |
| Communicants— | | |
| White, at last report,—; added,—; died,—removed,—; pres’t No. | | — |
| Colored, at last report,—; added,—; died,—; removed,—; pres’t No. | | — |
| Sunday School—Teachers, —; scholars, white, —; colored, —;..... | | Total, — |
| Library Books..... | | — |
| Communion Administered | | — |
| Communion Offerings..... | | — |
| Collections—Diocesan Missions..... | | — |
| “ Domestic “ | | — |
| “ Foreign “ | | — |
| “ For Parochial Schools..... | | — |
| For Church purposes generally..... | | — |
| Time spent in the Parish in the performance of its regular duties, since last report,..... | | —months. |
| REMARKS— | | |

Diocesan Officers.

Standing Committee.

Rev. J. A. MASSEY, D. D., Mobile, President.

Rev. G. T. WILMER, D. D., Mobile, Secretary.

Rev. H. N. PIERCE, D. D., Mobile.

F. E. GORDON.

B. A. WHITAKER.

GEO. CLEVELAND.

Trustees of the Bishop's Fund.

SAM'L G. JONES,

JOSIAH MORRIS,

A. R. BELL, Montgomery, Treasurer.

Board of Preliminary Enquiry.

Rev. J. A. MASSEY, D. D.,

Rev. H. N. PIERCE, D. D.,

Rev. F. B. LEE.

Ecclesiastical Court.

Rev. J. M. BANISTER,

Rev. J. M. MITCHELL,

Rev. G. T. WILMER, D. D.

Trustees of Hamner Hall.

No. 1.—C. T. POLLARD.

No. 2.—SAM'L G. JONES.

No. 3.—Rev. J. M. MITCHELL.

No. 4.—T. B. TAYLOR.

Treasurer of the University of the South for the Diocese of Alabama.

A. R. BELL, Montgomery.

Treasurer of Diocesan Missions.

JOSEPH W. FIELD, Mobile.

Secretary and Treasurer of the Convention.

Rev. R. A. COBBS, Mobile.

Proceedings
OF THE
**SOCIETY FOR THE RELIEF OF DISABLED CLERGYMEN AND OF
THE WIDOWS AND ORPHANS OF DECEASED CLERGYMEN.**

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, MONTGOMERY, }
Saturday, May 5th, 1866, 9 o'clock, A. M. }

The Society met and was called to order by the Bishop. The following members were present: Rev. Messrs. HANSON, MITCHELL, WADDILL, TICKNOR and R. A. COBBS; and Messrs. PHELAN, SHEILD and TAYLOR.

The Rev. R. A. COBBS was then elected Secretary, *pro tem*.

A communication was then read from the Treasurer, declining a re-election.

The following resolution was then adopted:

Resolved, That it is highly expedient that the present Treasurer of this Society should continue to hold the office, and that Mr. BEIRNE be and is hereby earnestly requested to withdraw his tender of resignation.

An election of officers for the ensuing year was then held, which resulted in the choice of the Rev. R. A. COBBS as Secretary, and Mr. GEO. P. BEIRNE as Treasurer.

The following resolution was then adopted:

Resolved, That no forfeitures be exacted for the non-payment of dues accruing during the late war.

There being no other business on hand, the Society adjourned *sine die*.

R. H. WILMER, President ex officio.

R. A. COBBS, Secretary.

**STATEMENT of the Treasurer of the Society for the Relief of Widows and Orphans,
&c., of the Diocese of Alabama, since May Convention, 1863.**

COLLECTIONS, May Council, 1863, by Rev. R. H. Cobbs, at St. Paul's Church,
Greensboro'.

Annual Members.

| | |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Mr. A. R. Bell | Miss M. E. Avery |
| Mr. S. G. Jones | Miss J. F. Lee |
| Mrs. A. L. Lee | Mrs. Calvin Norris |
| Miss R. M. Lee | Mrs. C. H. Hill |
| Miss H. E. Lee | Miss Mary L. Withers |
| Miss Sallie Reynolds | Mrs. A. C. Jones |
| Mr. J. Boykin Lang | Mr. T. B. Randolph |
| Miss Serena Lang | Miss Annie Pearson |
| Miss Sally Lang | Mrs. Richard Randolph |
| Mr. David Minge | Miss Nannie Tuomey |
| Dr. Cushman | Miss Fanny Beatty |
| Mrs. J. D. Phelan | Miss Louisa DuBose |
| Mrs. Thos. C. Poe | Miss Rosa DuBose |
| Mrs. S. G. Jones | Mr. R. B. Waller |
| Rev. R. D. Nevius | Mrs. Bryce |
| Mrs. R. B. Waller | Rev. Mr. Gholson |
| Mr. A. S. Jeffries | Mrs. Huntington |
| Miss Nora Tuomey | Mrs. Wm. F. Price |
| Mrs. Edwin Sheild | Gen. W. P. Bocock |
| Mrs. J. Y. Gholson | Miss Augusta Dubose |
| 40 at \$5 each..... | |
| —\$200 00 | |

1862 and 1863.

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|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Mr. A. W. Ellerbee | Mr. H. A. Tayloe |
| Mr. H. L. Allison | Mrs. Geo. Bibb |
| Col. R. P. McCord | Mr. J. Boykin Lang |
| Miss Mary Goldthwaite | Mr. C. L. Stickney |
| 8 at \$10 each..... | |
| —\$ 80 00 | |

Life Members without benefit.

| | |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| Mr. A. S. Nelson | Mrs. J. L. Price |
| Mr. J. B. Stickney | Mrs. W. P. Bocock |
| Mr. R. C. Randolph | 5 at \$50 each..... |
| —\$250 00. | |

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| Communion Offering from Christ Church, Mobile, .. | \$111 35 |
| Collection during Council, St. Paul's Church, Greensboro', | 99 75 |
| Handed in by Rev. J. A. Massey, | 50 00 |
| Handed in by Rev. Mr. Nicholson, | 5 00 |
| Parish Insurance, St. Paul's Church, Carlowville, by H. L. Allison, | 120 00—\$386 10 |

Members with benefit.

| | | | |
|-------------------------------------|------|-----------------------------|---------|
| Rev. J. C. Waddill..... | \$ 5 | Rev. R. A. Cobbs, 1860..... | \$20 00 |
| Rev. J. F. Smith..... | 10 | Interest 3 years..... | 7 50 |
| Rev. J. M. Mitchell..... | 20 | Same, 1861..... | 20 00 |
| Rt. Rev. R. H. Wilmer..... | 40 | Interest 2 years..... | 5 00 |
| Rev. F. B. Lee..... | 40 | Same, 1862..... | 20 00 |
| Rev. J. J. Nicholson's Note..... | 40 | Interest 1 year..... | 2 50 |
| | | Same, 1863..... | 20 00 |
| \$155 | | \$95 00—\$250 00—\$1,166 10 | |

Per contra.

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|--------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Paid Mrs. L. H. L. Cobbs | \$320 00 |
| 1863, Aug. 25, Mr. S. Cruse, Confed. Trea. Notes. | 220 00 |
| Deposit in Central Bank of Ala... .. | 586 10 |
| Rev. J. J. Nicholson's Note..... | 40 00 |
| —\$1,166 10 | |

COLLECTIONS, May Council, 1864, by Rev. J. M. Mitchell, at Montgomery, Ala.
Annual Members.

| | | |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------|
| Mr. A. R. Bell..... | Mrs. A. R. Bell..... | |
| Mr. C. T. Pollard..... | Mrs. C. T. Pollard..... | |
| Mr. H. A. Taylor..... | Miss Serena Lang..... | |
| Mr. B. P. McCoord..... | Miss Mary Lang..... | |
| Mr. David Minge..... | Miss Kitty Lang..... | |
| Rev. J. Y. Gholson..... | Mrs. A. L. Lee..... | |
| Dr. H. L. Allison, 2 years..... | Mrs. B. M. Lee..... | |
| Mr. H. F. Stickney..... | Mrs. T. J. Lee..... | |
| Mr. Jas. Bond..... | Miss Annie Allison, 2 years..... | |
| Rev. R. D. Novins..... | Mrs. Calvin Allison..... | |
| Rev. J. C. Waddill..... | Rev. J. F. Smith..... | |
| Miss Sally Lang..... | 25 at \$5 each..... | \$125 00 |
| Mrs. McKay Gould, thank offering..... | | \$30 00 |
| St. Andrew's Church, Macon..... | | 21 75—\$ 51 75 |

Members with benefit.

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|---------------------------------------------------|-----------------|--|
| Rev. J. M. Mitchell..... | \$ 30 00 | |
| Rev. R. A. Cobbs..... | 30 00 | |
| Rev. F. B. Lee..... | 40 00 | |
| Christ Church, Mobile, for benefit Dr. H. Sanson, | | |
| Confederate Treasury Notes..... | 233 65 | |
| Old issue Confed. Treasury Notes, \$120.... | 80 00 | |
| Rev. J. H. Ticknor..... | 100 00—\$429 65 | |

Rev. J. M. Mitchell.....—\$360 00—\$ 789 60

Per contra.

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|------------------------------------------------|----------|------------|
| 1864, May 12, Mrs. L. H. L. Cobbs..... | \$100 00 | |
| Balance Confederate States Treasury Notes..... | 789 40 | —\$ 889 40 |

COLLECTIONS, May Council, 1866, by Rev. J. M. Mitchell, at Montgomery.

Members with benefit.

| | | |
|--------------------------|----------------|--|
| Rev. R. A. Cobbs..... | \$40 00 | |
| Rev. F. R. Hanson..... | 40 00 | |
| Rev. J. M. Mitchell..... | 20 00—\$100 00 | |

1866, May 25th, this sum paid Mrs. L. H. L. Cobbs on account of annuity for membership of Rt. Rev. N. H. Cobbs, D. D., dec'd, \$100 00

RECAPITULATION.

Assets in Treasury, 1st June, 1866.


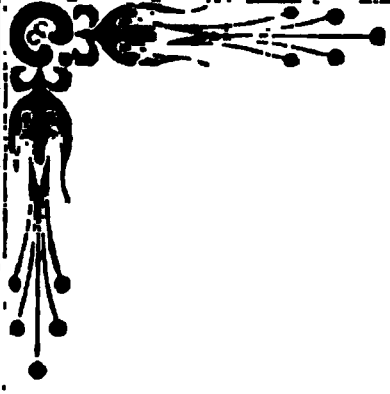
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| 365 Shares of Stock of Memphis and Charleston Rail Road Co..... | \$31,635 00 |
| Mississippi and Alabama Rivers Rail Road Bond, No. 302, (lost).... | 500 00 |
| Confederate States of America 8 per cent. Bonds..... | 2,500 00 |
| Confederate States of America 7 per cent. Bonds..... | 2,500 00 |
| Certificate of Hiram Roberts, Depository of C. S. A., dated Savannah, 17th March, 1864, No. 623..... | 300 00 |
| Deposit in Central Bank of Montgomery, by Rev. R. H. Cobbs..... | 586 10 |
| Rev. J. J. Nicholson's Note, in hand Rev. R. H. Cobbs..... | 40 00 |
| Balance as per Treasurer's account, May 1, 1863..... | 303 41 |
| Confederate States Treasury Notes, received as above from Rev. J. M. Mitchell..... | 789 40 |
| Balance of the \$220 paid by Rev. R. H. Cobbs to S. Cruse, on 25th August, 1863, and the \$220 sent by Cruse to Belrne in Savannah, in Spring of 1864, of which \$200 was invested in above Certificate of Hiram Roberts, and balance in Confederate Notes,.. | 20 00 |


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\$32,843 91

Huntsville, Ala., June 2d, 1866.

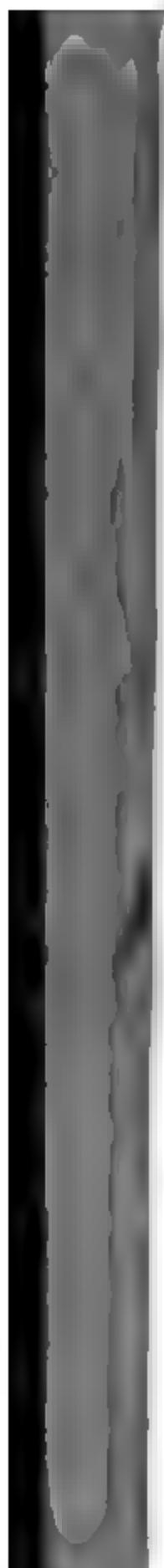
GEO. P. BEIRNE, Treasurer.

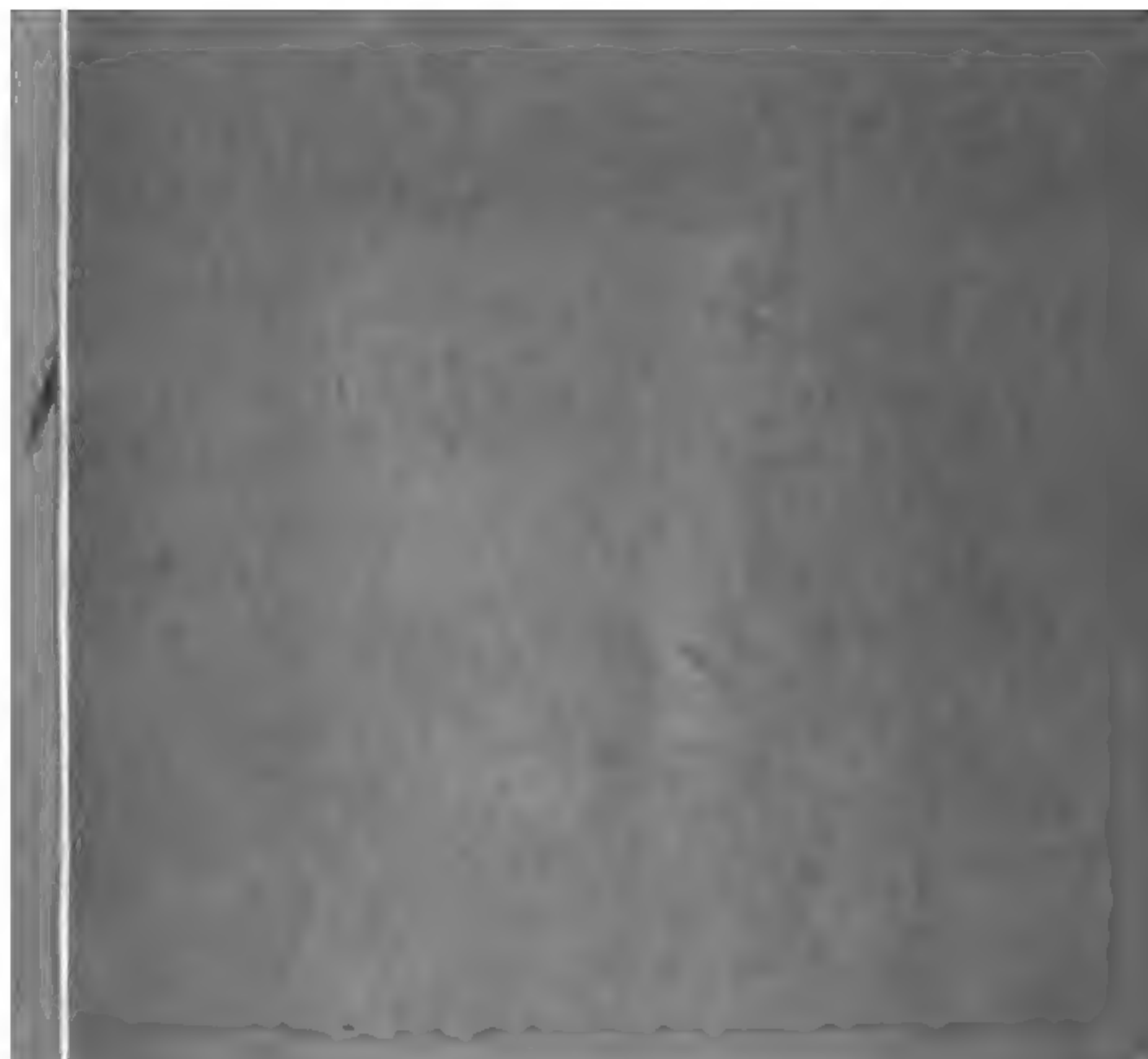


 The THIRTY-SIXTH ANNUAL CONVENTION
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